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Schools told to think again as price for new uniform hits parents

By **Marijke Cox**

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RISING costs of school uniforms are pushing parents in Medway to the brink as new research shows an increase in the number of families seeking financial help.

And it has sparked a desperate appeal by consumer groups calling on schools to reduce the burden on cash-strapped mums and dads.

With children getting ready to return to the classroom, this weekend is expected to be a mad rush with parents hitting the high street to stock up on back-to-school essentials.

But while some will go to cheaper supermarkets and chain stores, others will have to use exclusive suppliers, where a number of Medway schools insist uniforms and branded items are bought, or even buy from the schools at high prices.

And with the rising number of academies – with all secondaries in Medway now converted and the possibility of more primaries changing – a growing number of parents face having to pay for new uniforms, even if their child still fits the old one.

Some schools offer support to poorer families and there are also charities, including the Arthur Ingram Trust in Chatham, which helps with grant funding.

Medway Council said new academies in the area which saw uniforms change – the Bishop of Rochester, the Strood Academy and Brompton Academy – offered help to parents and took into account the costs.

The council spokeswoman stressed that it is up to schools and not the council to choose school uniform policies.

Increasing concerns about the financial strain being put on families has

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MAKING HIS MARK

UP FOR IT: Six hundred competitors took part in the Transplant Games – SEE INSIDE

TV

BBC hit heads into dockyard

BBC TV hit the Antiques Roadshow rolls into Chatham next week, with organisers of the event expecting thousands from across Kent and the south east to bring their valuables to be seen by the experts. The show is due to be screened as part of the new series later this year. **PAGE 3**

PETS

Cat back after 18 month trip

A CAT owner thought she would never see her beloved pet again after it went missing from her Rochester home 18 months ago. But this week she was reunited with her missing moggy after it was found wandering the streets nearly ten miles away. It was identified by a micro-chip. **PAGE 7**

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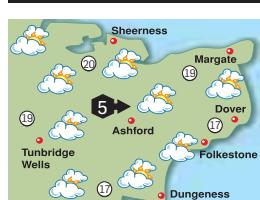
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Weather



TODAY: A dry day with sunny spells, although it will turn cloudier into the afternoon. Warmer with a gentle westerly breeze. Max temp 18-21C (64-70F).

TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

Dover	00.06	6.6	12.18	6.8
Margate	01.16	4.8	13.16	4.8
St Mary's	05.54	5.6	18.11	5.8

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday	Max 21C	Min 14C
Monday	Max 23C	Min 13C
Tuesday	Max 22C	Min 12C
Wednesday	Max 20C	Min 11C
Thursday	Max 20C	Min 13C
Friday	Max 21C	Min 12C

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EDUCATION

Plea to keep uniform costs down

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sparked a major campaign by the Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB) called Adding Up, with Medway's branch throwing their weight behind the drive.

A spokeswoman for the Gillingham-based CAB said they fully supported the campaign.

Chief executive of its sister branch in Maidstone, Bonny Malhotra, said they were seeing more families struggling with the cost of uniforms.

"In economically pressured times and with the number of academies increasing – many with new uniforms – schools should help struggling families keep costs down," he said.

Maidstone CAB is calling on schools to adopt sensible, low-cost policies on uniform which comply with government guidance on affordability.

"We want schools to make uniforms available from a wide selection of suppliers or offer iron-on and sew-on badges.

"As many families have to turn to charities for help – or risk children facing discipline for not having the correct uniform – we'd like to see more local authorities provide uniform grants for those in need."

Charity Family Action, which has centres in Edenbridge, Dartford, Faversham and Sheppeney, compiled a report on the rocketing price of uniforms. It found the average cost of back to school items, including uniforms and stationary, for a primary pupil is more than £150 and above £200 for secondary.

Chief executive of the charity Helen Dent said: "Some children will go to school next week with more logos than someone working in McDonalds. We're

concerned uniform costs could break the bank for low and middle income families.

"Our report showed some low income parents could be spending 40 per cent of their income on uniforms and with the increase in academies and the insistence parents buy uniforms from exclusive suppliers, many will be feeling the pinch.

"That's why we're calling on schools to adopt a fair uniform policy of limiting the number of costly branded items so parents can shop around and get the best deal for their children.

"Parents are facing enough pressures on their family finances and schools should give them a break."

Government guidelines state that it is for the school's governing body to decide whether there should be a uniform and how it should be sourced.

AVERAGE UNIFORM COSTS

Secondary pupil	Primary pupil
Blazer	£15
Jumper	£11.50
Tie	£4
Shirts/Blouses (x5)	£8.75
Trousers (x2)	£33.98
Skirt (x2)	£27.90
Shoes	£16
Trainers	£8
Socks/Tights	£5
PE t-shirt	£6.25
PE sweatshirt	£11.50
Tracksuit bottoms	£8.50
PE socks	£5
Coat/Jacket	£11
Bag	£6
Total	£178.38 Total
	£124.69

Total will differ slightly depending on girl or boy. Figures from Family Action.

In addition, parents have to pay for equipment: Pencil case £1, pen set £1.55, scientific calculator £4.10, pencils/eraser/sharpener £2.50, glue stick £1.80, highlighters £2.49, memory stick £8.20, English dictionary £2.99, French/Spanish dictionary £4.99, maths set £3.99.

Total additional cost £33.61

CAMPAIGN

Fears third runway would not save estuary

By Marijke Cox

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PRESSURE is mounting on David Cameron to make a U-turn over plans for a third runway at Heathrow after a parliamentary report found capacity constraints at the airport are stifling the UK's economy.

The paper, published this week by MPs in the all-party aviation group, called for the Government to reverse its position and support expansion at Heathrow – which could put the brakes on plans for a Thames Estuary airport.

It follows growing unease within the Tories where a number of senior party members are warming to the idea of a third runway despite a Coalition agreement between the Conservatives and Lib Dems ruling out any expansion before the next election.

Tory chairman of the energy and climate change committee, Tim Yeo, this week said a third runway would "symbolise the start of a new era".

NO Estuary Airport

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The report supported this, stating that "capacity restraints at Heathrow are restricting the UK's economic potential" and the country was being "left behind".

But transport secretary Justine Greening has remained steadfast in her opposition to a third runway, even hinting that it would be difficult for her to stay on the cabinet if it went ahead.

Following the publication of the report, Downing Street said the coalition would stick by its commitment that there would not be expansion.

While this growing pressure on the Prime Minister could raise hopes that plans for an estuary airport are likely to be scrapped, the report failed to overlook the controversial multi-billion pound Isle of Grain proposal.

It stated that immediate action was needed – either to increase capacity at Heathrow or build a new hub airport.

Campaigners from Friends of the North Kent Marshes said even if this latest plan by architect Lord Foster was ditched, the issue of an estuary airport was unlikely to go away for good.

"We've been fighting this for 10 years," said campaigner Joan Darwell.

"It's just going on and on – we have it hanging over us all the time. We've been through all this before. We don't know when it will stop."

While the Prime Minister battled rebelling Tories, senior party member

Roger Gale, MP for North Thanet, stood firm over the need to use existing airports such as Manston.

"We need solutions immediately and one of those relatively cost-effective solutions is the development of Manston as a strong regional airfield that is potentially less than an hour from London by rail and capable of relieving the pressure on both Gatwick and Heathrow.

"This requires not a free-for-all night flying policy but a sensible and pragmatic approach to commercial and environmental needs of a kind not at present indicated either by the local authority Thanet District Council or by central Government.

"A Boris Island would take 20 years to finance and build and a Heathrow third runway, of the kind recommended by besieged environmentalist MPs, would also take far too long.

"The time has come to stop pussyfooting around, get on with it and utilise the runway and airfield capacity that is immediately available."

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HERITAGE

Huge crowds expected at dockyard for arrival of the Antiques Roadshow

By Chris Britcher

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TV FAVOURITE the Antiques Roadshow rolls into Chatham this week, hoping to emulate the remarkable discoveries the BBC experts made the last time the show came to Medway.

Chatham's Historic Dockyard hosts the hugely popular filming this Thursday, September 6, with presenter Fiona Bruce joining the likes of Paul Atterbury, Henry Sandon, Hilary Kay and Geoffrey Munn pouring over the collection of items brought along by members of the public.

The last time the roadshow was in the area was back in 2007 when Rochester Cathedral hosted the TV cameras.

Back then, there were a host of notable finds, among them Napoleon's toasting glass worth nearly £5,000, a landscape painting by the artist Alfred Munnings, valued at £20,000-30,000, and a silver steeple cup dating back to 1619 and worth up to £60,000.

Series editor Simon Shaw says: "As a television producer, it's a scary prospect when we turn up for a day's filming and have no knowledge of what might turn up.

"I often look at the queue first thing and say a quiet prayer that there really are interesting pieces in all those

bags. Amazingly we still keep finding fascinating pieces – and some of the best aren't necessarily the most valuable."

The show says it is expecting visitors from across the south east to attend the show.

During the shooting of one episode, a couple flew in all the way from New Zealand to reveal a brooch – only for them to be told its value did not match the cost of the air tickets.

Meanwhile, it is not too late for large items to be valued.

A spokesman explained: "Last time we were at Rochester there was also a mahogany sideboard found in a junk shop and worth £2,500 and a TV cabinet bought from Harrods in 1936.

"Both of these would have been brought in on the roadshow's furniture round.

"Back in the office the team are compiling a folder containing letters and emails from people in the area with furniture and large items too big to carry. Items in the past have included paintings, large pots, bedsteads and even a military cannon.

"In the days before the show, two of the team will arrive in the area with the folder and visit as many of the people who have contacted the show as possible.

"Some of these people will have their items transported to the roadshow by the team



ON TV: Fiona Bruce and the Antiques Roadshow team will be at Chatham's dockyard on Thursday

and a few lucky ones may even end up being filmed on the day."

If you have a large item you would like valued, send details and photographs of the objects to: Antiques Roadshow, BBC, Whiteladies Road, Bristol BS8 2LR, or send an e-mail to antiques.roadshow@bbc.co.uk with the information.

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TRANSPORT

School drop-off parking safety plea

PARENTS are being urged to think where they park when dropping their children off at school, in a bid to crackdown on the number of accidents and ease congestion.

The message comes as

youngsters prepare to return to school after the holidays.

Su Ormes, principal road safety officer at Medway Council, said: "There is a small percentage of parents parking inconsiderately and illegally on

the yellow zig zag lines or on roads just outside the school gates.

"We hope that parents will make a positive step and find a legal place to park for the school drop-off."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Blaze drama at hospital

FIRE crews were called to tackle a blaze which broke out at a hospital on Wednesday afternoon.

Emergency services were called at around 3.50pm to Medway Maritime in Gillingham after reports of a fire.

Patients were evacuated while the blaze was quickly brought under control.

An investigation into what caused the fire is now under way.

Drugs found in raid

A 22-year-old man has been released on bail after a police raid on a property in Chatham discovered thousands of pounds worth of cocaine.

Police carried out a search warrant under the Misuse of Drugs Act at an address in Glencoe Road last Friday, August 24.

It is alleged cocaine with a street value of around £3,000 was found at the property. Police are continuing their investigations.

Paralympics club visit

THE Rotary Club of Chatham is extending the hand of friendship by hosting more than 20 French Rotarians and athletes during the Paralympic Games.

And around 50 of them are expected to travel on Saturday morning to the Olympic Park in Stratford as the first full weekend of sports action at the Games gets under way.

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SPORT

Transplant Games gets message across after thousands see events

By Chrissie Daniels

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JUST as the Paralympics kicked off in spectacular style this week, Medway's own sporting event has been hailed an outstanding success.

The British Transplant Games drew to a close on Sunday, after four days of awe-inspiring sport.

London 2012 has seen the popularity of sport take off around the country, and Medway is no exception. Thousands of spectators cheered on more than 600 transplant patients as they battled it out in 14 events including athletics, swimming and cycling.

The Games, which have been held annually since 1978, aim to raise public awareness of organ donation and encourage more people to join the Organ Donor Register. It also gives transplant patients the chance to meet new people and share stories.

The Games were mainly held in Medway Park in Gillingham, but other venues across the towns were also used.

The event will aid the selection for the Great British team at the World Transplant Games in South Africa next year.

Lynne Holt, trustee of Transplant Sport UK, the charity behind the British Games, said: "This year's Games have been an outstanding success. In the midst of a fantastic sporting year we've had the perfect platform to get our message out there



and promote the benefits of organ donation.

"All of our athletes have had a wonderful time and hopefully we've left a lasting impact on the people of Medway, displaying just how crucial it is to increase the number of people consenting to organ donation."

Medway Council said around 1,500 people turned up to support the athletes each day.

Council portfolio holder for community services, Cllr Howard Doe, said: "We've been proud to host the British Transplant Games at Medway Park, and to see so many people coming along to experience and support the event."

"As well as being a unique opportunity to see the amazing achievements of all the competitors, we hope the Games have raised awareness of the value of organ donation and encouraged more people to sign up to the organ donor register".

Kaylee Davidson-Oolley, 25, is the longest surviving heart transplant patient in the UK and competes in the Games every year. She made medical history in 1987, as the youngest person to ever undergo the procedure.

Ms Davidson-Oolley said: "The Games is an amazing, phenomenal event which not only gives something back to the hospitals and the donor families, but represents an awareness of organ donation."

Next year's Games will be taking place in Sheffield. For more information visit www.transplantsport.org.uk.

MILITARY

Music to Jool's ears as regiment gives him title of honorary colonel

MUSICIAN Jools Holland has been made an honorary colonel of a military regiment.

The pianist and TV personality, who lives in Cooling, has become Honorary Colonel of 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal).

The 54-year-old was invited to take the role as 221 Field Squadron (EOD), one of the regiment's reserves, is based in Medway.

As part of the invitation, he was shown around the regiment's Carver Barracks in Wimbish, Essex and watched an advanced explosive device search demonstration being carried out. He also presented long service and good conduct medals to a number of soldiers during his visit.

Mr Holland said: "I cannot stress how impressed I am with the incredible skill levels of all the people here; how they have both a positive attitude and incredible level of concentration and observation. It's an honour to be part of it."

The troops visited are due to be deployed in Afghanistan in a couple of week's time, and their commanding officer said the visit was a big morale boost.

Lieutenant Colonel Simon Stockley said: "The whole regiment is thrilled he has accepted the role of honorary colonel."

The 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (EPO) has squadrons based in Rochester and Tunbridge Wells.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

► Haystack inferno

SIX fire engines and dozens of fire fighters spent hours tackling 250 tonnes of baled straw which had caught alight in Wainscott last Sunday.

Crews were called to Islington Farm Road at 9pm on Sunday to battle the flames and were still at the scene dampening down by 9am the following morning.

It is not known what caused the blaze although it is feared it could have been started deliberately.

► Blood pressure appeal

HEART nurses are calling on everyone to get their blood pressure tested during national Know Your Numbers week, which kicks off on September 10.

The cardiology team at Medway Community Healthcare is backing the campaign, led by the Blood Pressure Association, which encourages adults to get their blood pressure tested at least once every five years. High blood pressure increases the risk of a host of serious conditions.

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ON A HIGH: Six hundred transplant patients took part in 14 events at this year's Games in Medway

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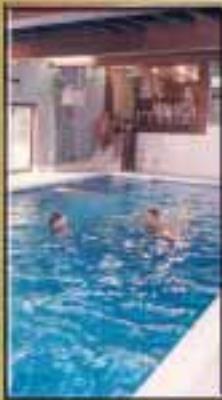
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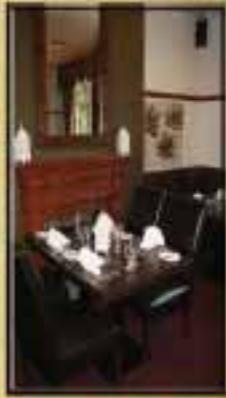
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REUNITED: Millie the cat is back with owner Gaynor after 18 months apart

ANIMALS

Missing Millie is returned home after 18 months

By Chris Britcher

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A CAT owner whose pet went missing for more than 18 months and was thought to be dead has been reunited with her moggy in Rochester – thanks to the animal being micro-chipped.

Millie went missing from her garden on a wet and windy morning in January, 2011. Her owner noticed nothing unusual but when she did not come back by the evening she became alarmed.

She contacted vets, the council and the microchip company which kept her pet's record. She also wrote a letter asking neighbours to check their sheds and garages for her cat.

After hearing nothing she feared Millie was lost forever.

But earlier this month a man took a cat into the RSPCA animal centre at Leybourne, saying it had been hanging around his mother's property in the village of Woud-

ham – 10 miles from Rochester.

When RSPCA staff scanned the animal, they picked up the microchip and its identity was revealed as being missing Millie.

Christine Dooley, Leybourne Animal Centre manager, said: "We phoned the owner and in under an hour they were reunited.

"Millie's owner said she was a typical, grumpy tortoiseshell, but when she saw her owner her ears went from flat against her head to upright and her face just softened.

"She started to rub her owner's hands and there was no doubt she recognised her mum."

Her owner, Gaynor, said: "I just could not believe it.

"Millie was full of fleas and worms which suggests she was not being looked after by anyone else while she was away. She has definitely mellowed as a result of her adventures."

Her owner has now ensured all her pets are microchipped.

NEWS IN BRIEF

► Dog day afternoon

MORE than 50 dogs were microchipped for free during a community day at Hillyfields, organised by Medway Council.

Other events included a dog show – which attracted more than 190 entries battling it out for titles such as waggiest tail and most handsome hound – a dog agility course and stalls. The council's Mike O'Brien said: "This event allowed the community team to promote the importance of microchips for dogs."

► 90-days for DIY thief

A CROOK who pleaded guilty to pinching a bicycle and shoplifting has been given a suspended 90-day prison sentence.

Medway magistrates also ordered Luke Marchant, 23, of Yarrow Road, Chatham, to take part in a six-month drug rehabilitation programme and to pay £697 in compensation and £85 court costs. In June and June he pinched items from a DIY store on two separate occasions and in July swiped a bike.

► MASH opens its doors

AN ORGANISATION which provides help and support to those suffering from asthma is opening its doors this month to inform the community of the services it offers.

The Medway Asthma Self-Help (MASH) will hold the information sessions at 131 Watling Street, Gillingham on September 17 (11am-1pm), 20 (6pm-8pm) and 22 (10am-noon). Refreshments will be available.

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RESTORATION

Rescue mission for 'Heroine of Dunkirk' analysed at meeting

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By Chris Britcher

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SHIPBUILDING experts working to restore the historic Medway Queen – a boat that helped save the lives of thousands of Allied soldiers during World War Two – are to deliver a public presentation later this month.

It will provide the team working on the paddle steamer with the chance to explain how the process is going and to provide an in-depth analysis of the work carried out on the vessel so far.

Built in Scotland in 1924, she was used extensively on the Medway and Thames Estuary as part of the Queen Line fleet of the New Medway Steam Packet Company based at Rochester. Her regular routes included sailing from Chatham and Strood to Sheerness, Herne Bay and Margate, as well as Clacton and Southend in Essex.

During the war she was requisitioned as a minesweeper patrolling



FORMER GLORY: The Medway Queen Preservation Society is tirelessly working to restore the paddle steamer

the waters of the English Channel before being called on to help save the troops from the beaches of Dunkirk.

Despite suffering extensive damage, she managed to rescue 7,000 men, earning her the title 'the Heroine of Dunkirk'.

She saw out her life working around the Isle of Wight before sinking. In 1984 she was bought with a view to being preserved, and

a year later the Medway Queen Preservation Society was formed.

Now, members of the society, in partnership with the University of Greenwich, will hold the presentation at MidKent College's campus in Medway Road, Gillingham, on September 12 from 7pm.

Restoration work on the ship's hull is currently being carried out in Bristol thanks to £1.86 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The final stage of the project will be undertaken when she returns to the workshops of the preservation society at Gillingham Pier, where a number of MidKent College apprentices are already working on equipment for the vessel.

This aspect of the project is being funded by the European Union's Interreg IVa 2 Seas initiative.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Fairy Godmother' fails to sprinkle magic dust as viewers vote her out

By Chrissie Daniels

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CHATHAM panto star Cheryl Fergison has been evicted from the Celebrity Big Brother house.

The actress failed to win the public's vote as she became the second person to be removed from the Channel 5 reality TV show.

But despite going last Friday, Ms Fergison, 48, was greeted to huge cheers from the waiting crowd who began chanting her name.

The ex-EastEnders actress was up against the likes of singer-turned presenter Coleen Nolan, Prince

Lorenzo, US reality TV star Michael 'The Situation' Sorrentino and Ashford-based comedian Julian Clary.

Ms Fergison, who played the lovable Heather Trott in the BBC soap will be the Fairy Godmother in the Central Theatre's production of Cinderella this Christmas.

It will be her first panto role since she left EastEnders earlier this year.

Her appearance on Big Brother has boosted panto sales, with Evolution Productions, the firm behind the festive extravaganza, urging people to get their tickets before they sell out.

Ms Fergison says she is now backing Mr Clary or ex-Spandau Ballet

and another former EastEnder, Martin Kemp, to win the series.

Mr Clary has kept a low profile so far and his celebrity friends, like singer Boy George, have taken to Twitter to protest.

The Culture Club frontman wrote: "Come on Julian stop holding back."

The star will be hoping to make it to the final and has managed to avoid nomination again this week.

Mr Clary spoke to KoS in April about his third book Briefs Encountered. The star said he shares his country home in Ashford with four ghosts which were the inspiration for the book.



PANTO STAR: Cheryl Fergison

FIRE

Boy, 2, saved from burning bedroom by smoke alarm

A FAMILY were forced to flee their Gillingham home when a faulty cigarette lighter sparked a blaze.

Emergency crews were called to the property on Haig Avenue last week after a smoke alarm was triggered.

It allowed the family to flee and rescue a two-

year-old boy who was in the room where the fire started.

The bedroom was left severely damaged and the first floor suffered smoke damage.

The fire is thought to have started after a faulty lighter was left on bedding, causing it to smoulder.

A 27-year-old woman was treated for a slight burn to her hand and the child was also checked for smoke inhalation but was uninjured.

Station manager Grant Brooker said: "This incident highlights the importance of fitting and maintaining a working smoke alarm on every floor of your home."

COURT

Drink driver is banned

A MOTORIST has been banned for three years and fined after pleading guilty to drink driving.

Wesley Hammell, 32, of White Road, Chatham was stopped while driving his Mini Cooper in New Road in April. His disqualification will be reduced by nine months if he completes an approved course. He was fined £370, told to pay court costs of £85 and a £15 victim surcharge.

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OPINION

Take a healthy interest in NHS

David Griffiths explains why it's so important that the community gets involved in the running of the county's new foundation trusts

THERE is no subject more important to us than health; our own, our friends' and families' and that of our communities.

And as a nation we are proud and protective of the organisation which helps us to look after our health, the NHS. The fantastic section of the Olympics opening ceremony involving NHS staff and patients demonstrated that pride very well.

The NHS has moved a long way from "doctor knows best", with patients having little say in their healthcare. Patients are more at the forefront of deciding what is best for them and there is also greater choice. And it is not just individual patients having more say in their own individual care – local people are increasingly having more involvement in what services are provided and how they are delivered.

To drive forward the involvement of communities, the government has directed that all

NHS trusts should become foundation trusts. They will still be NHS organisations, employing NHS staff. However, they will have greater freedom to meet local needs and will be held to account by local people who become trust members.

This is an exciting and important time for Kent Community Health NHS Trust. We deliver the majority of NHS care people receive in their own homes and in community settings right across the county.

We employ 5,400 staff including doctors, community nurses, health visitors, physiotherapists and a range of health professionals. We are responsible for the 12 community hospitals around the county, which are very dear to the hearts of our communities. We spend £213m of public money to provide NHS care to you, your family and community.

We have been given the go ahead to consult with the pub-

lic on our plans to become a foundation trust and to start recruiting people to be members. We aim to have an average of at least 500 members in each of our 12 council districts initially and eventually many more. These members will be eligible to vote for a council of governors from among themselves who will hold the trust's board to account.

Of course the amount of time members will spend being involved with us will vary. They could receive regular information about the trust, or they could take part in consultations. They could get more involved and become members of focus groups, for example, or even stand for election as a governor. The choice is theirs.

The most important thing is that as many people as possible, from all communities and backgrounds, become members. The more people who are involved at a local level, the

more we will be able to develop and design health services to meet the community's needs.

I invite everyone to attend one of our 12 public meetings being held during September and October. One will be held in each of the 12 district or borough council areas, so there will be one near where you live. The first meeting takes place at Fleetdown Community Centre, Swaledale Road, Dartford, on September 5, from 2-4pm.

All the meetings will be advertised in this paper and are also at www.kentcht.nhs.uk/foundationtrust along with details about how to take part in our public consultation and sign up to become a member. Or call the trust membership office on 01622 211970 for more details.

The consultation runs until Monday, October 22, 2012.

■ **David Griffiths** is chairman of Kent Community Health NHS Trust.

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KOS COMMENT

Uniform demands are too much right now

THERE is nothing more sobering for parents, nothing more likely to see the euphoria of a holiday wiped away, than going shopping for a school uniform.

Not only does it involve a scrum in a bid to find those elusive trousers or jumper in the right shade of grey, but when you return home with bulging shopping bags you realise you've spent about the equivalent of that week you've just enjoyed in Majorca.

Good, then, that there is pressure from the Citizen's Advice Bureau for schools not to strike exclusive deals with certain stores and expect parents to pay through the nose. Yes, insist on the highest level of smartness and presentation. Just don't insist parents are forced to pay a fortune to do so.

All hail our Herman

HOME baking is often perceived as the preserve of those with a strong grasp on culinary skills and the patience of a saint.

The Herman friendship cake craze may just change that. We at KOS have already become hooked. We think many more will fall under Herman's spell too over the coming months.

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History could repeat itself

I HOPE the 3,000 people that signed support for a heritage theme park in Margate are going to go every couple of weeks – because it will fail if not.

Youngsters want state-of-the-art rides, not junk bought from failed theme parks.

An historical theme park next to a modern theme park might work. I hope it's successful because Margate needs something badly.

Adrian Ottley, Birchington

Manston's on wrong path

pretence of the odd late running arrival is laughable.

You only have to look at the 'Why Not Manston' website to see how spurious the figures are. Once the precedence has been set, it's 'chucks away'.

A couple more runways, an aeroplane overhead every 90 seconds, 24 hours a day, massive increase in pollution, 60-mile of queues of traffic to/ from London. Just think of the unnecessary 'airport miles' because of Manston's location on the wrong side of London.

Now if it were 60-odd miles north or west that would be a different matter.

Bill Stevens, Faversham

Get your facts right first, sir

HERE in Ramsgate we are used to various politicians and developers trying to tell us we should welcome aeroplanes thundering over our heads all through the night.

These range from some that

are genuinely concerned Manston airport could create much-needed employment in the area; those that think no further than wanting a cheap and convenient base for their annual holiday flight; and the misguided and ill-informed like the leader of Kent Conservatives who famously forgot Ramsgate when he claimed there was nothing between Manston and the sea.

I'm afraid that Nicholas Reed, who you gave space to last week, appears to fall firmly in the latter category. Manston has had at least two commercial operators – Wiggins and Infratil – with worldwide experience of airport operation.

Both operators took on the airport knowing there was an existing ban on night-time flying, with partial relaxation for passenger flights from Europe and to America. Neither of these managed to attract a major passenger airline for any length of time. Infratil currently have the

airport up for sale.

Two airline operators have attempted to run commercial passenger flights from Manston, both using different strategies and both heavily subsidised by the airport.

EUJet ran flights to many European destinations which was great while it lasted, but sadly failed in bankruptcy.

Flybe was more selective in its chosen routes, but once again failed after a few months, quoting Manston's poor catchment area rather than lack of night flights as the reason.

So we are left with the possibility of freight flights, taking the sort of traffic that the other bigger airports reject. Inflicting loss of sleep for many for the sake of importing fruit and veg from Africa and the Middle East seems much less attractive; much less attractive because so little local employment would be created.

The best evidence of likely job creation comes from Kent County Council's bid for

multiple millions from the Regional Growth Fund. The bid was to improve rail links, create a Manston station and subsidise a daily feeder flight to Schiphol airport in Amsterdam, all to create an estimated less than 30 jobs.

Needless to say, the Government rejected the bid – apart from welcome rail improvements cutting the journey time to Ramsgate.

So, we have an airport struggling to find a niche market, that even if successful would devastate Ramsgate and the far more secure prospect of jobs from the visitor economy.

If only people like Mr Reed would study the brutal economic facts rather than wishful thinking.

Cllr David Green, Mayor of Ramsgate

It's parking for the select few

(RE: Medway Maritime car

parking). So Mark Devlin is now saying that those patients on income support, jobseekers allowance and pension credit will now get subsidised parking?

When did this come in?

I, for one, have never heard of this before. This is a sop to justify the full charge for Blue Badge holders.

Further, I venture to suggest that this group of patients are the least likely to have a motor vehicle in the first place.

G Crawford, Gillingham

Limit to what is expected

I AGREED with your correspondent that the imposition of a 50mph speed limit on the road near Yalding is inappropriate, but for completely different reasons and with great concern at the apparent misunderstanding from a driver.

The letter reads as if 50mph is an increase on the previous limit when it is, of course, a reduction from the national limit for single track roads of 60mph.

If the imposition of a speed limit is widely perceived to indicate that a road has been officially assessed as safe at that speed then it is counter-productive in achieving its presumed intention of improving road safety.

The appropriate speed for country roads varies rapidly from stretch to stretch and a corner where only 20mph or less is sensible can be followed by a straight open road where 60mph is not inappropriate.

To impose a limit of 40 or 50 to cover both is pointless.

If the corner is difficult to judge then it should have a triangle warning sign with an advisory speed limit below.

An artificially low limit on the straight is likely to be ignored where there is no visible reason for it and encourage non-compliance with limits when they really are sensible.

All these limits do is dupe people into thinking the road is suddenly safer and allow officials to claim they are doing something about road safety.

I am not a member of any transport lobby, just an ordinary car driver who understands that speed limits do not make bad drivers good drivers, but can make good drivers illegal drivers.

Leave the speed limits alone.

Peter Jull, Deal

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Lenders box clever with fixed rate mortgages

Q WE HAVE been looking into getting a fixed-rate mortgage while interest rates are so low, but all we can find are loans that last for just two or three years and then go onto a higher variable rate.

Do you know of any fixed-rate mortgages that last longer?

A MORTGAGE lenders think the same as you – that interest rates will eventually rise.

This is why you want a long-term loan at a rate fixed now, and for exactly the same reason, lenders will not offer more than a few years at today's rates.

The best I can find for you is a mortgage with a rate fixed until 2017.

There are three big lenders that go this far – Nationwide, HSBC and Natwest. But they all have drawbacks.

Nationwide will advance up to 70pc, but the interest rate is 3.39pc.

HSBC's rate is lower at 2.99pc, but it will lend only up to 60pc.

Natwest charges 2.95pc and also lends only up to 60pc maximum, and the arrangement fee is a huge £2,495.

Q A FRIEND died some years ago who had promised to leave me something in his will.

I have received nothing and each time I raise the matter with the solicitors and executors I am told that the will has "not gone to probate yet".

A NOT everyone makes a will. Lots of people do not leave enough to make a will worthwhile or they decide that if they die intestate – without a will – then their family will receive everything anyway, so they do not bother.

If you are sure your friend left a will, then according to the Courts Service: "You should normally expect to find the probate record within the first year or two after the date of death, and if you have not found it within three years, you can usually assume that probate was not necessary."

When an application for probate is made, the will is held by the Probate Registry and is available for public inspection. So, despite what you have been told, your next move should be to check whether an application has been made. Call the Probate Registry Postal Searches Department on 0113 389 6133 for details; there is a small cost for this.

If a search produces nothing, instruct a solicitor to contact the solicitors who are administering the estate.

As a possible beneficiary, you have the right to know where you stand.

Q MY previous employer and I paid into a Santander pension plan for me, but since 2005 I

TONY HETHERINGTON
MONEY CLINIC

have worked for an employer with its own pension scheme.

I still have £28,000 sitting in the Santander plan, earning about £50 annual interest.

Santander says my money can be transferred only to another pension fund, and a financial adviser quoted fees of £1,000 a year for managing it. What do you advise?

A HAVE you asked your current employer whether the £28,000 could be accepted as a top-up payment into its pension fund?

This would be the simplest option.

If this is not possible, consider starting a self-invested personal pension (Sipp).

Low-cost Sipp managers include Hargreaves Lansdown (0117 980 9926) and Sippdeal (sippdeal.co.uk). They let you decide where your money is invested, whether it is in shares, a deposit account or something different.

Do not give up, though. A return of £50 on capital of £28,000 is not acceptable.

Q I HAVE a younger sister and an older brother. If our parents leave no will, who inherits their house? Is it my brother, as the eldest?

My brother and I are both married, but our sister lives with our parents.

Does this make a difference?

A YOU would inherit in equal shares. Age differences, or living in the house, would not alter your equal rights.

Q OUR daughter is getting married next spring. After the floods and torrential rain seen this year, we want to insure against bad weather forcing a change of plans.

How do we go about this?

A A WEDDING insurance policy can cover your choice of risks, including bad weather or floods that cause a postponement or damage.

Big names in this type of policy include Weddingplan (0844 412 3115) and Debenhams (0844 573 5975).

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ON THE ROAD TO HI-TECH SOLUTIONS

TELEMATICS has been around for some time, but it has really taken off over the past couple of years.

Whether Aviva's Rate My Drive smartphone application is the next big thing will become clear over the coming months, but there is no doubt telematics is here to stay – news that should be welcomed by safe and reliable drivers.

Insurethebox, a leading provider of black box policies, said its research showed that telematics encouraged better driving and led to cutting the number of accidents involving young motorists by up to 40 per cent. Its findings were based on analysing more than 300 million miles of driving data from its customers.

Insurethebox policies involve drivers buying a fixed number of miles. A black box linked to GPS satellites is installed under the dashboard and monitors the car's movements.

If the vehicle exceeds its allocation, the policyholder can buy additional miles, although that may not be necessary if the motorist has driven well.

Drivers can also win extra miles of insurance based on the

safety of their motoring. The data is used to help calculate renewal premiums, with price cuts for the best motorists.

Insurethebox said nearly two thirds of its customers saw their renewal quotes cut by an average of more than 20per cent after a year with the black box provider.

"We are delighted with these results because, apart from enabling cheaper motor insurance, the main benefit to society of telematics is that it should improve driving behaviour," said Insurethebox chief executive Mike Treloar.

"Our data prove conclusively that this is more than just a theory – it really does work."

Sharon Flaherty, at Confused.com, said: "We should expect car manufacturers to make cars with telematics devices as standard."

"Aside from the fact they can give personalised car insurance premiums based on the driver's behaviour – instead of general risk factors such as age, postcode and convictions – telematics double up as trackers so cars can be found if they are stolen. It makes sense that telematics technology will make its way into our lives on a more frequent basis."

mean drivers are seeking alternatives to aid them in cutting motoring costs, prompting the insurance industry to hunt for solutions."

Aviva has been carrying out internal trials over the past few months, and the insurer is now looking for motorists to help trial the technology.

At the moment, the technology is available only for people with Android operating systems on their

smartphones, although other operating systems will join the party at some point in the future.

Mr Treloar said: "We will ask those helping us to shape this new proposition to tell us what they think of the app and what improvements could be made to benefit the customer."

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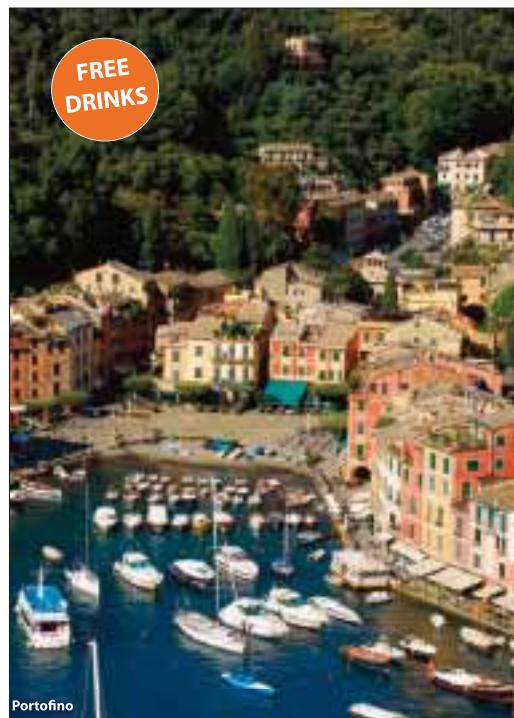
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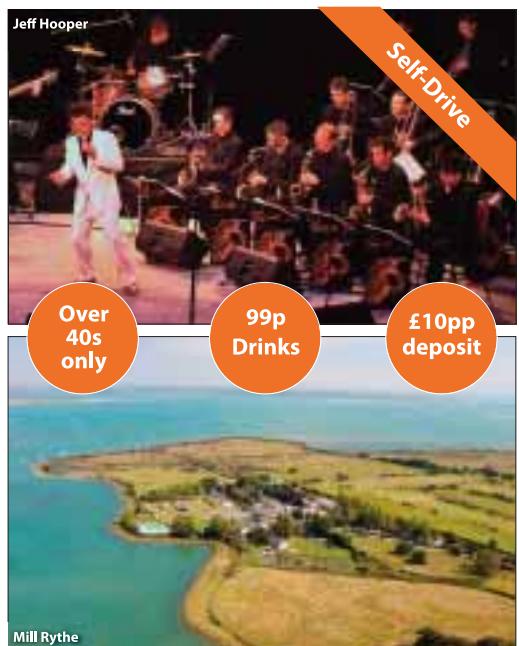
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- Car ferry crossing

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Enjoy ballroom and latin dancing? We're running our popular Come Dancing Party alongside the Carry on New Year Party - add dance tuition, a Gala Ball and much more for just £20pp extra

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Growing agricultural business

A DRIVE to sell Kent's agricultural and horticultural industry across the world is to be launched in October.

The formation of Kent Rural plc was announced at this year's county show and a working group is looking at how the county can obtain a greater part of the international marketplace.

It will be looking to promote all aspects of rural business, from conditions, climate and soil to an expert workforce and long experience of excellence in produce and livestock.

Among those working on the project is the High Sheriff of Kent, Michael Bax, who has many years' experience of rural businesses.

"The annual turnover of the county's agricultural and horticultural business is around £500 million," he said. "If Kent Rural plc was a real plc, it would be ranked at around 60th in the FTSE 100 Index, which is quite impressive."

Bax says he is working to encourage investment in rural business by companies that have not traditionally been associated with the countryside.

These include firms working in the fields of storage, transport, water-management and packaging.

"The economy has been going through tough times," he said. "But I

This week **Nick Ames** focuses on an innovative move to rebrand Kent and its rural business as an overall concern in an effort to attract inward investment from new sources. Traditionally, the county has been one of the most important in the UK for agriculture and horticulture – surprisingly, perhaps, it would rate in the FTSE 100 if the figures were added together. We also take a look at how those who work the land are being urged to push for a greater say in its management.



would like to see companies not previously involved with rural businesses coming to work with a sector which has come through the recession.

"Kent is the first county to go ahead

and market itself in this way, so we are at the cutting edge of the business.

"Traditionally, the county is one of the most important in Britain when it comes to agriculture. The good soils and

the climate combine to provide excellent conditions for fruit, hops, vegetables – although that area is slightly in decline due to imports – wheat, barley and livestock.

"But agriculture has been an inward-looking business and we want to reach out to other areas and bring in new investment.

"One of the things which has benefited us is the expanding populations and changing tastes in countries such as India and China.

"Farmers used to produce a surplus which would be swallowed up in things like the so-called butter mountain. Now that surplus is exported. There is demand for UK produce from Asia. Not only are there many more people to feed, they are getting a taste for our produce. Where populations used to eat rice, now they want meat and bread.

"During the late 80s and 90s, farms were breaking even at best, but because of these factors most are in profit.

"Then there is the increasing demand for local produce, which is welcome."

Bax said a change in the demographic make-up of farmers had given the industry a chance to progress.

"We have also seen a period when many farmers were getting close to 60. Well, now they are retiring and giving younger people the chance to run the businesses.

"Technical advancements have made it possible to regulate spraying and fertilising of crops on a metre-by-metre basis and most machinery is now highly computerised.

"Young people take to that sort of thing like ducks to water – and they are also extremely good at marketing themselves, which is increasingly important if you are looking to increase your share of the market itself."

Kent Rural plc will be launched at the East Malling agricultural research centre on Friday, October 26.

HIGH SHERIFF'S EXPERIENCE EMBRACES THE LAND

MICHAEL Bax was installed in the post of High Sheriff of Kent on April 1, 2012.

The post is largely ceremonial but also concerns itself with law-enforcement and the judiciary.

Bax has spent his business career advising farmers and landowners in Kent and East Sussex and is senior partner of the BTF Partnership, a land agency based at Challock.

He is a former pupil of King's School, Canterbury, and qualified as a professional associate of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors in 1977, having attained a degree in estate management.

Bax spent his early career with Prall, Champion and Prall in Tonbridge, becoming an equity partner in 1979. Then, following a merger in 1984 with Porter and Cobb,



he took charge of agricultural and property matters at the newly-created Cobbs Property Services.

In 1986 Cobbs was taken over by General Accident and Bax was appointed director of agriculture and forestry for the South East region. In

1988 he set up practice as a sole practitioner. A year later he was joined by an equity partner to create Bax Standen.

Since 1998, after a reorganisation of the partnership, the practice traded as Bax Thomas French. Following a merger with two further firms – a commercial-property practice in Canterbury and a project-management team in Hailow – the company is now BTF Partnership and employs some 20 people at offices in Challock, Hailow and Canterbury, advising farming clients and businesses across Kent and beyond.

Bax runs his own 225-acre farm between Ashford and Tenterden, including a 120-acre woodland grant scheme. He and wife Jan have two children, William and Sarah, and a granddaughter, Tabitha.

Put your rural knowledge to good use by supporting nature partnerships

THE Country Land and Business Association is urging farmers and landowners to become involved with the new Local Nature Partnerships (LNPs) across Kent, saying that those who own and manage the land must play a key part in the LNPs' decision-making process. The call follows the

announcement by Environment Minister Richard Benyon of 41 successful LNPs, a Government initiative to include all sectors of society in the natural environment.

CLA South East regional surveyor Tim Broomhead said: "We need people with genuine experience of the rural economy and land-

management to contribute to LNP proposals in their area.

"The association is already encouraging its members to engage with LNPs to ensure that equal attention is paid to all three pillars of sustainable development, including economic as well as social and environmental criteria.

"Most importantly, we need

to ensure that LNP designation does not stifle rural enterprise due to a tightening of planning regulations, which we have been assured by ministers is not the intention. This makes the need for a rural watchdog crucial.

"The CLA has successfully shown that farmers and landowners provide numerous

goods and services, including many environmental benefits that are undervalued and under-delivered as people are not prepared to pay for them.

"This situation can only be improved if those who are charged with delivering the environment that the public wants have a say in how it is paid for and delivered."

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TRANSPORT

Olympics helps Channel trains break records

LE SHUTTLE, the car-carrying trains run by Eurotunnel through the Channel Tunnel, has set a new traffic record.

In the seven days up to Sunday, August 12, 74,292 vehicles – cars, motorcycles, caravans and camper-vans – and 776 coaches travelled in both directions between Folkestone and Coquelles, Pas-de-Calais.

This is the most traffic seen in one week since the end of duty-free in 1999.

To manage this, 838 Shuttle departures were needed, at five an hour.

At the same time, a new daily record was also achieved, with 15,152 vehicles travelling across the Channel on Saturday, August 11, in both directions.

This follows the increase in traffic seen as a result of the Olympic Games, when Le Shuttle Continental bookings rose by 16 per cent for the period from Monday, July 23, to Sunday, August 12.

There were 40 additional Eurostar departures during the Games.

Jacques Gounon, chairman and chief executive officer of Groupe Eurotunnel, said: "In a highly-competitive market, this new record demonstrates the efficiency and flexibility inherent to the Le Shuttle service, the professionalism of our staff and the attraction of a transport system that is both fast and environmentally friendly."

Ensure you're up to date with staff law

EMPLOYMENT law is a minefield for many members of the business community as it is complex, constantly changing and has serious implications – especially in challenging economic times.

But help is at hand to clarify employment legislation at a workshop in Medway presented by leading South East law firm Furley Page.

The Employment Law Update 2012/2013 workshop, run in partnership with Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Thursday, October 18, and is open to chamber members and non-members, whatever the size of their workforce.

Leading the interactive workshop will be Andrew Masters, partner and head of employment at Furley Page.

"This workshop will help employers and HR professionals keep up to date with the ever-changing complexities of employment law," said Masters. "As well as practical guidance, there will be question-and-answer sessions, so there's plenty of opportunity for delegates to raise issues of concern."

He will be joined by Amanda Okill, a senior



LEADING: Andrew Masters, of Furley Page

solicitor who specialises in employment law, and financial planning manager Simon Ludden, who specialises in pensions and independent financial advice and will provide guidance on

pension auto-enrolment.

The workshop is to be held at a new venue for 2012, the Bridgewood Manor Hotel, Walderslade Woods, Chatham. Registration is from 8am, with the workshop starting at 8.30am and finishing at noon.

The Furley Page team will guide delegates through recent developments in employment law and offer practical guidance on how to prepare for change. The effects on HR policies and procedures and people management will also be examined.

The team will cover new cases, employment reforms and the implementation of European Directives, while a light will be shone on the Coalition Government's sweeping programme of change to employment law.

An update will also be provided on pension auto-enrolment plans.

The workshop costs £35 to Kent Invicta Chamber members and £45 to non-members. To book, phone 01622 232707, email bookings@kentinvictachamber.co.uk, or visit www.kentinvictachamber.co.uk/furleypage to reserve a place.

PARTNERSHIPS

The other half is a key player in small firms

NEW research by Direct Line For Business reveals more than half (51 per cent) of UK tradesmen rely on so-called TWAGs (tradesmen's wives and girlfriends) to help run their company.

Despite TWAGs working on average two days a week – with one in four working three or more days a week – almost a third (31 per cent) of small-trade business-owners do not pay them any money at all.

The research showed 46 per cent of small-business-owners relied on their partners to carry out general business administration, while one in five (19 per cent) employed their partner as a receptionist.

More than one in seven (14 per cent) relied on their partners to look after legal and accounting services. A further 8 per cent of small-trade business-owners looked to their partners to carry out sales, marketing and new-business-generation work.

Jazz Gakhal, head of Direct Line For Business, said: "Small businesses are crucial in re-energising the UK economy. It is therefore heartening to see partners working together to sustain these small companies despite not being fully financially compensated.

"It is clear that small-trade businesses are seeking voluntary help from their partners to avoid high legal, secretarial or IT support fees, but it is vital that these businesses ensure their partners are adequately covered in the event of an accident."



DANGER: Cyber crime can hurt your finances and your reputation

nesses across all sectors of the economy become increasingly reliant on the internet, the potential damage from cyber attacks has risen dramatically.

Last year, following consultation with a number of customers, Bluefin raised concerns that businesses of all sizes were being targeted.

Managing director Richard Dyer said: "There is still a worrying lack of awareness over just how widespread

cybercrime has become. Any business, large or small, that relies on the internet holds customer data or has commercially-sensitive intellectual property is potentially at risk. This is no longer an issue that can be left to the IT department to deal with.

"Insurance companies are working hard to design policies that will protect businesses against the new and emerging threats arising out of e-

BE PREPARED

To help businesses combat online crime, Bluefin suggests five key points to consider:

1. Review company-wide IT systems and ensure staff are aware of current best practice.
2. Conduct a detailed risk assessment to identify any potential weak points in security and ensure all firewall protection and anti-virus software is up to date.
3. Examine insurance policies and consider whether specialist online fraud cover is required.
4. Provide training to new and existing employees highlighting ways to improve data security.
5. Develop a series of contingency plans to help your business continue in the event of a data breach or other cyber crime.

commerce and internet technologies. However, it is imperative businesses are aware of the risks and take appropriate steps to ensure they are prepared in the event they are targeted."

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THOUSANDS of apprentice positions are available in Kent and the south east – and for those willing to travel, there are more than 15,000 nationally.

This new data from the National Apprenticeship Service will be encouraging for those who have just passed their GCSEs in the county.

The apprenticeships range from nursing, IT, horticulture, business, life science, fisheries, legal, and creative. And those on the courses get paid while learning.

Included are new higher apprenticeships, which provide up to degree-level qualifications for apprentices and enable employers, colleges and universities to deliver the advanced skills most critical for growth.

The average gross weekly pay for apprentices is £200. But London Economics has calculated the lifetime benefit of achieving a Level 2 apprenticeship is extra earnings of between £48,000 and £74,000. The equivalent figure for a Level 3 apprenticeship is between £77,000 and £117,000.

There are three levels of apprenticeship available. The first is the intermediate level, where apprentices work towards work-based learning qualifications such as a Level 2 competence qualification, functional skills and, in most cases, a relevant knowledge-based qualification.

Next is advanced level, with those on the course heading towards work-based learning such as a Level 3 competence qualification, functional skills and, in most cases, a relevant knowledge-based qualification. And finally, there are higher apprenticeships, where they work towards work-based learning qualifications.

For more details, visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk or call 08000 150 600.

GCSEs not what you expected? Then don't panic

GCSE students worried about missing out on the chance to study A-levels are being handed a lifeline by MidKent College.

Young people who failed to achieve five A*-C grades at GCSE are invited to enrol on the new Level 2 Progression to A-Levels Diploma, which includes the opportunity to re-sit exams in GCSE English and maths.

Upon successful completion of the Medway course – based on a mixture of humanities and social science subjects such as history, politics, psychology, English and communication studies – students will be eligible to stay on at the college to study the A-levels of their choosing.

"We believe in giving young people a second chance, especially when it comes to their education," said Emma Wilkinson, head of faculty for higher and academic studies at the college.

She adds: "This new course represents a fantastic opportunity for anyone who just missed out on achieving five A*-C grades at GCSE but still wants to study A-levels at a later date.

"Whether you did better or worse than expected in your GCSEs, there are many benefits to studying here."

"We are passionate about education and are fully committed to providing our students with the best teaching possible."

To find out more about the courses on offer visit www.midkent.ac.uk.

Hitting the catwalk with stylish summer school to find next fashion icon

STUDENTS keen to follow in the footsteps of Karen Millen and study fashion at the University for the Creative Arts got a taste of what life might be like in a unique residential summer school.

Some 35 students from across Kent and beyond spent five days at UCA Rochester and lived like real students, learning new skills from the same expert lecturers and technicians that send degree students to Graduate Fashion Week.

The aspiring fashion designers, stylists and photographers, aged 14-19, created a portfolio of work, which culminated in a memorable catwalk show for family and friends.

Summer school coordinator, Loreta Jarvis, said: "The week-long residential school aims to inspire and engage young people who have a passion for fashion.

"It not only teaches them practical and theoretical skills but also builds their confidence and prepares them for life at an arts university."

The outreach project received its highest level of interest this year and more than half of participants were from outside of Kent for the first time.

Ben Kidger, a summer school leader, said: "I have been a

mentor and summer school leader at UCA for the last 11 years and, every summer I witness the huge benefits that this course offers young, creative people.

"The end result is often life-changing for them, as they parade down the catwalk in front of their friends and family, showing off the creations they have made – they always go away with a confidence that perhaps wasn't there before."

And Gabriella Hatley from Sittingbourne Community College, added: "On the UCA summer school I learned how to draw in a more fashion related style. I have enjoyed the dynamic drawings I have produced, these have been used to record my inspiration and I have incorporated them into my final catwalk creation. It's all been very inspirational."

UCA's Fashion School has produced household names including Karen Millen and Zandra Rhodes. Ms Millen became one of the high street's best known names after growing up in Maidstone. Two recent graduates are currently battling it out to design for Rihanna in Sky Living's Styled to Rock and in 2009 Myrto Stamou won the prestigious Gold Award at Graduate Fashion Week.



TWIRL: Could the next Karen Millen be just around the corner thanks to UCA?

Still spaces to spare at top college

EAST Kent College – previously known as Thanet College – has revealed places are still available through clearing to study from this September on one of its new Higher National Certificate courses.

A new range of 10 HNCs are provided in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University, and are an accessible and affordable alternative to university, with a direct route to the second year of a full degree.

The new one-year courses, equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree, cross a range of subjects like business, creative arts, science, and technology.

The college said they have a strong

work-related emphasis, and are perfect for anyone uncertain about university, or who has not had the results they hoped for.

For those looking for an alternative to studying business at university, there is also the brand new Peter Jones Enterprise Academy, launching at the college this September. The enterprise and entrepreneurship course gives students the opportunity to launch a micro business, and be their own boss.

Advisors will be at Canterbury Christ Church University's Broadstairs campus on September 4 and the East Kent College campus on September 5 from 4.30-6.30pm, and between the same times on September 12.



OPPORTUNITY: HNCs are worth considering

Schools & education

Final piece of £100m jigsaw will be icing on top of college's renovation

THE final stages of Canterbury College's multi-million pound redevelopment are coming to an end.

Work on the New Dover Road site began in summer 2006, finishing this January, with the majority of the campus' buildings being redeveloped. The latest project began with the demolition of H-Block, the last of the old teaching buildings, during the holidays.

In its place will be Block 17, a three-storey complex which

will continue the college's tradition of award-winning building design. It will be home to the college's supported learning provision, including a fully functioning training flat which will have a living room, kitchen and bathroom areas.

Block 17 will also be the base of its higher education provision and will contain 30 new classrooms, art studios, lecture theatres, and a student common room.

The overall redevelopment

project will have taken seven years and cost more than £100 million.

The already-completed buildings feature four hair salons, a fully functioning training spa, a children's centre, dance and drama theatre, motor vehicle centre, veterinary nursing, sports therapy and student recreation facilities. The building will be similar to the recently-opened A-Block and be open next September.



BOOST: Students get to grips with the course

completing his HNC, he has now been promoted to a field engineer.

Scott Wilkins, curriculum manager for engineering, said: "We have a good history of students progressing from Level 3 and 4 programmes and going on to university or straight into work."

"We also have close business links with companies such as Coca Cola and BAE systems, which creates good links between our students and the industry."

For more details visit www.nwkcollege.ac.uk or call 0800 074 1447.

Why not push the button on a career in the field of electronics?

ANYONE interested in a career using electronics of almost any type can join one of the few remaining courses at North West Kent College.

It has Higher National Certificates (HNCs) in electrical and electronic engineering at the re-developed Gravesend campus.

From September the college is also offering Higher National Diplomas and Higher National Apprenticeships.

The HNC in electrical and electronic engineering is a two-year programme covering digital systems, analytical methods, electrical science and electrical and electronic principles.

It is a Level 4/5 qualification and covers a work-based project to allow learners to progress onto a HND or degree programme.

Once completing the course, students can progress into job areas such as medical engineering, electronic design and cybernetics, the college said.

Robert Haddon, 23, from Gravesend, works for Launch Diagnostics, a medical engineering company in Longfield. He came to North West Kent College in 2010 to complete a HNC in electrical and electronic engineering. Since

Graduates on course for success thanks to AEG-backed foundation

YOUNGSTERS seeking a career working for one of the world's biggest sports and entertainment companies have begun to benefit from a partnership between the University of Greenwich and promotions giant AEG.

AEG owns the O2 Arena and teamed up with the university – which has a campus in Medway – to offer a foundation degree in venues, events and hospitality management.

And after two years of study,

three students have graduated after receiving guidance from AEG staff as well as work placements with the company.

Student Daniel Rolfe said: "I work as event hospitality manager for the VIP areas of the O2. I saw the course advertised at work and felt it could be a big step forward for me, and it has been."

"During the course we looked at the whole industry. When you're in the middle of something you often don't think

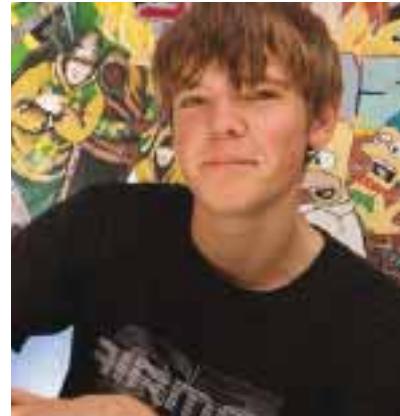
about how and why you are doing things, so studying really opened the industry up to me."

An AEG spokesperson said: "We are delighted with the success of the programme. The ability to work with our local university and provide our employees with a formally-recognised and industry-specific qualification is something not many companies can boast."

"The commitment of the individuals to succeed has been amazing."

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BACKING KENT'S FUTURE

There are so many options when choosing next step after exams

By Nick Ames

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FOR school-leavers, there are increasing options when it comes to finishing full-time education armed with GCSEs and A-levels.

The increase in university tuition fees means that further study is not the only item on the agenda as many businesses are looking to recruit directly to the workplace.

Employers in finance, retail and transport management have reported an increase in interest among school-leavers in taking their first step on the career ladder rather than using the next few years to obtain a degree.

This trend is illustrated graphically by the website notgoingtouni.com – set up as a service for young people considering options other than further study.

The site has had 150,000 visitors so far this year, compared with 100,000 for the equivalent time in 2011.

Part of the reason is that students starting university for the first time this summer will be the first to pay up to £9,000 a year for a degree.

But another aspect that has changed is the increased opportunities that many companies are offering for part-time study along with real workplace experience – and a paid salary.



CHOICES: School-leavers don't have to go to university... colleges have so many options to consider, or there's work!

Find out what opportunities school can offer you

KING'S Rochester is celebrating another year of top A-level results.

About one-third of all passes were in the coveted A* and A brackets and 62 per cent were top grades A* to B.

More than 86 per cent of all passes were A* to C, and staff and pupils can also celebrate the fact that all of the 22 subjects taken this year achieved a 100 per cent pass rate, with 15 per cent of the 65 candidates achieving

straight A* and As.

The 40 per cent of students in the grammar stream at this broad-ability school achieved an average points score per pupil of 412.3.

At GCSE, more than 40 per cent of grades were A* or A this year and close to 70 per cent were A* to B – so good cause for celebration.

Jacob Porter netted a straight 11 A* and As, closely followed by classmates Stephen Green (10),

Jacques Bestel (nine), Alexander Lindley (eight), Laurence Long (eight) and Charlotte Titmuss (eight). Gemma La Guardia and Olivia Blanning both gained 11 A* to C grades.

Several academic departments, including mathematics, ICT, music, Latin and German, registered a 100 per cent A* to C pass rate this year.

If you would like to hear more about how King's helps pupils

to exceed their expectations academically, as well as supporting their musical, sporting, dramatic and other talents outside the classroom, you can visit the upcoming open morning.

Jeremy Walker, the school's new principal, will speak to visitors on Saturday, October 6, at 9.45am.

Phone 01634 888590 or email admissions@kings-rochester.co.uk for further information.



An independent approach to getting the best from pupils

AN INDEPENDENT college is celebrating another great year.

Rochester Independent College students this year have won places at medical, dental and law schools and at institutions ranging from Central St Martins to the Architectural Association, UCL to Durham. A record three will go to Trinity College, Cambridge.

Many students make the move to RIC after their GCSEs to maximise A-level grade potential.

They may have been very successful in Year 11, but some have been denied entry to their school

WELL DONE: Harry Neilson is one of the many high-achieving students to have completed their study at Rochester Independent College

sixth form or need to retake key GCSE subjects.

Harry Neilson, who will read philosophy at Sheffield, said: "My GCSE grades from Maidstone Grammar were not quite as good as I was expecting – I just didn't try hard. I could have stayed but moved for sixth form."

"I've been helped by the small classes – the teachers are passionate about their subjects and really know their stuff."

Maneesh Dhillon joined with grade Es in chemistry and biology after a disappointing Year 12. After two years' hard work, he graded ABB at A-level and has a place at Medway School of Pharmacy.

James Weber from Sevenoaks was not allowed to do A-level

biology at his previous school as he did not have the required GCSE grade A in the subject. He switched to RIC and now has A*BB at A-level and a place studying animal psychology.

Laurence Routledge joined from Gad's Hill School. He is now celebrating an impressive five A-levels – maths, further maths, physics, geography and drama – and has a place to study astrophysics at the University of Sussex.

He said: "I was free to choose whatever subjects I liked because there were no option blocks. I was able to do more A-levels because RIC doesn't waste time doing subjects like general studies or critical thinking – things the universities aren't interested in."

Continue learning when you enrol in college

DIDN'T get the A-level grades you were expecting?

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Director of HE development Stephen Batchelor said: "Money should not be a barrier to education, which is why we try to keep our course fees as low as possible.

"As the UK navigates its way through a double-dip recession, providing employability skills for our learners remains a key focus for MidKent College.

"We have designed a series of qualifications that will provide young people with the skills and abilities they need to be successful in building a career and gaining an edge in the ever-more crowded job market, making Higher Education a worthwhile long-term investment."

Should you enrol on an HE course at MidKent College, you will be guaranteed the highest quality of teaching. Part of the reason for that is that all of its courses are validated by either the University of Kent, Canterbury Christ Church University or Edexcel, and they are taught from state-of-the-art facilities at the college's Medway and Maidstone campuses.

Several new courses were recently added to the college's existing HE offer, which includes HNC/Ds and/or foundation degrees in applied chemistry, business, building and civil engineering, information technology, engineering, qualifying to teach in the lifelong learning sector and childhood studies.

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■ Visit www.midkent.ac.uk for more information.

Advertisers Announcement

Bishop of Rochester Academy to offer Music Scholarships from September

The Bishop of Rochester Academy, in Magpie Hall Road, Chatham, announced the introduction of 'Music Scholarships'. 25 Music Scholarship places are available to students joining the Academy in Year 7 from this September, 2012.

Any child who is interested in music may apply for one of these twenty-five Music Scholarship places at the Bishop of Rochester Academy each year. Parents who have seen their child develop an interest or talent in music are urged to ensure that their child benefits from this opportunity by applying for a Year 7 place at the Bishop of Rochester Academy from this September onwards.

As Music is one of the Bishop of Rochester Academy's 'Specialisms' the Scholarships are intended to support and enhance the standard and variety of music-making at the Academy.

"The Academy already has a strong musical culture and there is a lot of talent amongst the current students. Our students really enjoy performing," said Mr Boxall, the Academy Principal. "And, as parents will know... learning Music helps children with their learning of Maths - it's very important that students achieve well in the Core academic subjects. The Academy's other 'Specialism' is Maths & Computing, which helps focus on Core Skills." he added.

Students attending the Bishop of Rochester Academy through a Music Scholarship will enjoy a variety of benefits, which may include such things as free music lessons (instrumental and/or singing), free use of a musical instrument to take home for practice, free music-related trips, involvement in musical performances, school uniform, and a music-based curriculum.

Applicants will be considered on the basis of their genuine interest in music, their enthusiasm and their likely contribution to music-making at the Academy in the future. Successful students will be expected to attend ensemble or choral rehearsals and to take part in concerts and/or other musical activities.

"The Scholarships are for students who are serious about music - whether that's composing music, using the latest technology in music-editing software soon to be available at the Bishop of Rochester Academy; playing a musical instrument - traditional or modern; being in a band or part of an orchestra; or singing - choral or pop," said the Academy's Musical Director, Karen Fowler - who is co-ordinating the Scholarships.

"There is infinite variety in music-making in the world today, and through our Music Specialism at the Bishop of Rochester Academy we are aiming to help the young people of Medway to develop their talents in music, supported by these new Scholarships." she added.



For more information, or to apply for a Music Scholarship place at the Bishop of Rochester Academy for your child, parents/carers should contact the:

Bishop of Rochester Academy
East Campus
Magpie Hall Road,
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Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

Hourly Paid Electrical Installation Course Tutor/Leader Ref: SESS

Hourly Rate: £23.44 - £27.22 per hour
Medway Campus

We are looking for an enthusiastic and experienced Psychology lecturer to join our Access to Higher Education team. They will need to have experience of teaching Psychology, preferably to adult learners. The successful candidate will hold, or be willing to work towards, a recognised teaching qualification.

Closing date: 12 noon, Thursday 6 September 2012

Hourly Paid Engineering Reviewing Officer/Assessor Ref: SESS

Hourly Rate: £12.06 - £15.54 per hour
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We are looking for an energetic, self-motivated and forward-thinking individual who has both the industrial knowledge and experience of working with Engineering Work Base Learners. The post will require an effective team player who is innovative and accommodating to liaise with employers in the co-ordination of training programmes, assess and review candidates' progress on Intermediate and Advanced Level Apprenticeship frameworks. You will require D32/D33 or A1 Assessor Awards and Vocational Qualifications relevant to trade. D34 or V1 Verifiers Award would be desirable, but not essential.

Closing date: 12 noon, Thursday 13 September 2012

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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Closing date: 6 September 2012

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Public Notice



1 September 2012

Gambling Act 2005

The Gambling Act 2005 requires that the Licensing Authority (Canterbury City Council) publishes a Gambling Policy document. This policy must be reviewed and republished. The next policy document is to be published in January 2013.

As part of this process we are consulting with a range of stakeholders, including responsible authorities, representatives of the trade and the public. The consultation period is to **1 December 2012**.

The draft Gambling Policy document can be viewed online at www.canterbury.gov.uk/gambling

A copy of the document can also be picked up from the council offices in Canterbury or posted to your home address.

Should you wish to have a copy of the Gambling Policy or to comment on it please do so by writing to:

Anton Walden
Licensing Case Officer
Canterbury City Council
Military Road
CANTERBURY CT1 1YW

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All comments to arrive by **1 December 2012** at the latest.

Anton Walden
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THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act Notice of Applications

MA/12/1316/S - 17, NORTH STREET, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3AP - Change of use of A1 shop to C3 dwelling house including alterations to the front elevation, construction of a balcony and conversion of outbuilding to garage. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/1407/S - LITTLE ADDLESTEAD, BENOVER ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6EY - Erection of a detached garage and biomass boiler room. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1449/N - HOMESTALL FARM, LOVE LANE, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9HJ - Construction of a steel portal framed agricultural building adjoining the existing farm yard, for hay, straw and machinery storage. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1461/S - THE BULL INN, LINTON HILL, LINTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4AW - Retrospective planning application for creation of timber decking. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/1466/S - BYDEWS FARM COTTAGE, FARLEIGH HILL, TOVIL, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0JB - Change of use of existing outbuilding/shed to annex ancillary to existing house. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1495/N - LEADING CROSS GREEN FARM, HEADCORN ROAD, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2HS - Listed building consent for the erection of first floor extension over existing single storey side extension, reconfiguration of roof structure of existing rear extensions to form double gable end, internal alterations, replacement of side and rear windows with painted timber casements, restoration/re-use of existing Kent peg tiles to both roofs and walls, insertion of new window on east elevation and replacement of cement mortar on front and side elevations with lime mortar. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1498/S - THE GOLDLANDS, STRAW MILL HILL, TOVIL, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6XB - Installation of 15,000 litre cylindrical self blinded diesel tank. **Reason: 2**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **16th September 2012**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 2nd September 2012

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

12/02358/LBC **1 Nevill Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Broadwater**
- Listed building consent - removal of redundant external staircase and steps plus upper ground utility room. Extend the existing lower ground floor garage and utility areas. Construct new upper ground floor breakfast room, utility area and new rear terrace with conservatory extension. Formation of new opening in position of existing arch (LB)

12/02307/FUL **NatWest 89 - 93 Mount Pleasant Road, Culverden**
- Installation of wall mounted condenser unit (CA)

12/02366/LBC **Tower Cottage Bedebury Road, Goudhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Demolish non-load bearing wall between kitchen & lounge; New insulated concrete ground in kitchen & lounge on damp proof membrane; Rebuild wall in same position of new dpc (LB)

12/02375/FUL **1 Marlingate Cottages Bedebury Road, Goudhurst**
- Conversion of The Granary building to a dwelling (LB)

12/02379/LBC **1 Marlingate Cottages Bedebury Road, Goudhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Conversion of The Granary building to a dwelling (LB)

12/02380/LBC **Holly House Cranbrook Road, Goudhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Repairs to south end wall connected to condition 5 of TW/08/03242/LBC works already carried out (LB)

12/02382/FUL **Steam Cottage Water Lane, Hawkhurst**
- Replacement effluent treatment unit for 9 properties (LB)

12/02357/HOUSE **Tanyard House Goudhurst Road, Horsmonden**
- Removal of existing gate posts and erection of new timber gate posts, timber 5-bar entrance gate and timber close boarded gate (LB) (CA)

12/02360/LBC **Tanyard House Goudhurst Road, Horsmonden**
- Listed Building Consent: Removal of existing gate posts and erection of new timber gate posts, timber 5-bar entrance gate and timber close boarded gate (LB)

12/02376/LBC **Heath Stores Grocers The Heath Stores, Horsmonden**
- Listed Building Consent: Removal of internal partition wall. Reforming an internal wall to create an opening to install a goods lift (both walls to rear). Removal of a mezzanine wooden storage area. Sealing of loading bay door (LB)

12/02201/HOUSE **Green Lane Cottage The Slade, Lamberhurst**
- Additional oak garage (Revision to previously approved application TW/11/01115) (CA)

12/02236/LBC **The Pantiles Hotel The Pantiles, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Listed Building Consent - Ground floor internal alterations to renew kitchen including a 2m long x 1m high serving hatch with fire shutter; Remove bay and existing ladies toilets; Alter size of function room to include new male and female toilets; Convert existing ladies toilets into food preparation area; Remove internal lobby doors and replace glazed entrance doors with black painted panel doors (works started) (LB)

12/02279/FUL **Calverley Grounds Mount Pleasant Avenue, Park**
- 5 Year temporary change of use for siting of ice rink, skate change marquee, external lighting, christmas chalets and associated plant and equipment, for a period of 9 weeks from November, December and early January (CA)

12/02353/HOUSE **32C London Road Southborough, Southborough Town Council**
- Replacement windows and weatherboard panels to front elevation(CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting a Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Rose Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1RS

Dated: 1 September 2012



THE MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 AND THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2007 (as amended)

APPLICATION FOR: The construction of a new road bridge across the River Medway and associated works
Notice is hereby given that Chris Hall of Trenport Investments Limited, 3rd Floor, 86 Jermyn Street, London, SW1Y 6JD has applied to the Marine Management Organisation to undertake a regulated activity under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

The application is to: Construct a new road bridge across the River Medway and to conduct ground improvement works on the East and West banks of that river.

A copy of the application and environmental statement, or as the case may be, supplementary information, is available for inspection during normal office hours for free at both Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ and Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR for a period of 42 days from the date of the first notice, 26 August 2012.

Copies of the environmental statement may also be inspected free of charge and by prior appointment at the offices of the Marine Management Organisation, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Copies of the environmental statement or environmental statement supplementary information may be viewed on line in the Public Register at www.marinemanager.org.uk/publicregister

Representations or objections in respect of the application should be made in writing, giving an address to which correspondence relating to the representation or objection may be sent, to the Marine Management Organisation, Marine Licensing Team, Lancaster House, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7YH, or alternatively emailed to lilian.sandeman@marinemanager.org.uk, within 42 days of the date of date of the first notice, quoting reference MLA/2012/00214

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Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995

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Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990

Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/12/01330/FUL: 8 Dolphin Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5LY Erection of building containing seven flats and conversion of rear studio/store into one flat with associated refuse and cycle storage. **Applicant:** Mr Hawken and Mason **Reason:** Conservation area.

CA/12/01331/CAC: 8 Dolphin Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5LY Demolition of building fronting Dolphin Street. **Applicant:** Mr Hawken and Mason **Reason:** Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.

CA/12/01445/FUL: 7 Apsley Cottages, Station Road, Chatham, CT4 7HT Erection of agricultural building. **Applicant:** Mr D Nicholls **Reason:** Conservation area.

CA/12/01461/LB: 23 St George's Street, Canterbury, CT1 2JT Replacement non-illuminated fascia, hanging, vinyl and window signs. **Applicant:** Superdrug **Reason:** Work to a listed building.

CA/12/01465/FUL: 165 Island Wall, Whitstable, CT5 1EE Two-storey and single-storey rear extension and replacement windows. **Applicant:** Mr and Mrs A Mecklenburgh **Reason:** Conservation area.

CA/12/01467/FUL: 2 Bellinge Road, Herne Bay, CT6 6DB Replacement of front entrance door and windows to ground floor bay. **Applicant:** Mr N Islami **Reason:** Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.management@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before **Monday 24 September 2012**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 31 August 2012



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**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010**

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y12/0747/SH - Gainsborough Court 22 Grimston Gardens Folkestone Kent CT20 2UB - Felling of an Atlas Cedar situated within a conservation area.

Y12/0710/SH+ - 35 Prospect Road Hythe Kent CT21 5NN - Crown reduction of an Oak tree subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 13 of 2012 comprising the reduction in height and width by 3 metres.

Y12/0745/SH - The Old School School Lane Newington Folkestone Kent - Retrospective application for conversion of an existing extension into a self-contained ground floor flat (resubmission of application Y12/0441/SH).

Y12/0746/SH - The Old School School Lane Newington Folkestone Kent - Conversion and extension of existing store to form a holiday let (resubmission of application Y12/0333/SH).

Y12/0743/SH - Land To The Rear 74 High Street New Romney Kent - Extension to time limit of planning permission Y08/0758/SH for the erection of a block of 6 No. 3 storey dwellings with parking to ground floor and associated access and turning facilities.

Y12/0755/SH+ - 75 High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AJ - Listed building consent for internal alterations to separate 1st & 2nd floors from ground floor to include blocking of opening and enclosure of staircase.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2OY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13**

KCC/TM/0304/2012 - Proposed development at Blaise Farm Composting Facility, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4PN.

New Earth Solutions Group Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the erection of a canopy structure and siting of a container to provide an ancillary workshop facility for a temporary period of up to 3 years.

You may view this application at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ.

KCC/TM/0293/2012 - Proposed development at Celcon Blocks Limited The Ightham Sandpits, Borough Green Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9JB.

H + UK Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for installation of an additional slurry silo.

You may view this application at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 2 September 2012

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990****PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990**

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or its setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 17 SEPTEMBER 2012

SW/12/1011:

Formation of new rear access road and extension to trailer park to serve the Kemsley Paper Mill, together with security cabin - Northern Access Road, Kemsley Mill, Off Barge Way, Kemsley, SITTINGBOURNE: REASON 3

SW/12/1023:

Amendment of condition (xxi) appended to planning permission SW/95/544 and condition (xxii) appended to planning permission SW/00/0014 to enable loading, offloading and delivery of goods to take place between 0630hrs and 2300hrs Mon-Sat and 0830hrs and 1830hrs on Sundays and Bank Holidays in connection with use of the site as a retail store - Aldi Foodstore Ltd, East Street, SITTINGBOURNE, REASON 3

SW/12/1025:

Amendment of condition (xxi) appended to planning permission SW/95/544 and condition (xxii) appended to planning permission SW/00/0014 to enable loading, offloading and delivery of goods to take place between 0630hrs and 2300hrs Mon-Sat and 0830hrs and 1830hrs on Sundays and Bank Holidays in connection with use of the site as a retail store - Aldi Foodstore Ltd, East Street, SITTINGBOURNE, REASON 3

SW/12/1042:

Advertisement Consent for 3 externally illuminated fascia signs and 7 non-illuminated vinyl signs - Costcutter Supermarket, 84-84a High Street, EASTCHURCH: REASON 2

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

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PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES**Licensing Act 2003
Notice of application
for a Premises Licence**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I **Mr Munur Kaya** have applied to **Barrow Borough Council** for a new premises licence in respect of the premises known as **Marmaris 2, 36 Cavendish Street, Barrow-in-furness, LA14 1PZ** as follows:

Late Night Refreshment:

From 23:00 to 05:00 Monday to Saturday

From 23:00 to 00:00 Sunday

Any person wishing to make representation in respect of the above activities may do so by writing to Licensing Manager, Barrow Borough Council, Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 2LD by 20 November 2011.

A copy of the application is kept by the Barrow Borough Council, Licensing Manager, Barrow Borough Council, Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 2LD. The application can be viewed Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm, except bank holidays.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the standard scale.

Sale of Former Dunkirk Primary School, Dunkirk**Faversham, Kent ("the Property")**

This is a notice made by **The Kent County Council ("the Council")** under **S.3 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 ("the 1987 Act")**.

The Council is the freehold owner of the Property, which it intends to sell.

The Council owns the Property pursuant to:

- i) a Conveyance dated 14th November 1887 made between **Henry Woollright** and The School Board for the Ville of Dunkirk; and
- ii) a Deed of Grant dated 4 February 1845 made between **Baron Sondes** and the Incumbent and Churchwardens of Christ Church in the Ville of Dunkirk.

The Property is subject to rights of reverter, having been transferred to the Council's statutory predecessor for educational purposes under the School Sites Act 1841 ("the 1841 Act"). The Property therefore reverts to the original grantor's estate if it ceases to be used for the purposes for which it was transferred.

The Council closed the school operating on the Property on 31 March 2008.

Under the 1841 and 1987 Acts, the Council now holds the Property on a statutory trust for the successors in title to **Henry Woollright** and **Baron Sondes**.

Anyone considering themselves to be a beneficiary under the statutory trust affecting the Property should inform the Council of their claim by writing to:

Catherine Lloyd
Kent County Council Legal Services
Sessions House
Maidstone
Kent County Council ME14 1XQ

before midnight on Thursday 6th December 2012

The Council intends to make an application to the Charity Commission pursuant to S.2 of the 1987 Act to extinguish the rights of any beneficiaries (being the successors in title of Henry Woollright and Baron Sondes) under the statutory trust and establish a scheme to apply the monies for such charitable purposes as the Charity Commissioners specify.

WARNING

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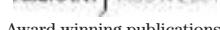
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PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AE363 AND AE639 IN THE PARISHES OF SEVINGTON AND MERSHAM

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AE363 AND AE639 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14 (1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed the following public Footpaths from the 24th August 2012

- Public Footpath AE363 between Highfield Lane & Blind Lane.
- Public Footpath AE639 between Highfield Lane and the junction with Public Footpath AE337A (NGR TR 037 408)

The paths will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that they will reopen before the 1st October 2012.

The paths are to be closed because the laying of water mains is planned on or near them and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via Blind Lane, Public Footpath AE364, Public Footpath AE344, Church Road, Public Footpath AE340 and Public Footpath AE639 and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Melvyn Twycross

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH SR457 IN THE PARISH OF PENSHURST

PUBLIC FOOTPATH SR457 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath SR457, between Spring Hill (B2188) and a point approximately 140 metres to the east (at NGR TQ 523 413) from the 27th August 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 11th December 2012.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is along the southern and eastern side of the works area and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Mrs N Biddall

VILLAGE GREENS - IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMONS ACT 2006 - SCHEDULE 2
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE REGISTER OF COMMON LAND

Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Kent County Council, by Mr. I. Marsh under Paragraph 7 of Schedule 2 of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008. The application has been made on the basis that the area of land concerned was wrongly registered as Common Land. The effect of the application, if successful, is to remove land from the Register of Common Land for unit number CL82, as described in the Schedule below.

The application may be inspected at the offices of Kent County Council at the address below. Please contact the Commons Registration Team on 01622 221568 to make an appointment prior to visiting to ensure that a member of the team is available to assist you.

Any person wishing to make representations regarding the application should send a written statement of the facts upon which the representation is based to the Commons Registration Team at Kent County Council, either by post at the address below or by email to commons.villagegreens@kent.gov.uk, so as to arrive no later than Monday 15th October 2012. Please quote reference CAA17/CL82. Representations must include the name and postal address of the person making them and the nature of their interest (if any) in the land affected by the application. They must also be signed by the person making them and state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that any representations that are to be taken into account by the Registration Authority in reaching a decision on the application cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain during the processing of the application. Copies of any objections or representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment and may be disclosed to other interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

Description and effect of the application

The application seeks to amend the Register of Common Land for unit number CL82 at Sevenoaks by removing from the registration a parcel of land of approximately 0.85 acres (0.34 hectares) comprising part of the garden of the property known as 'Kevelar' at Windmill Road in the town of Sevenoaks.

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (ZRB8: (PART) HARTLIP)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2006

On 15 August 2011 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by deleting that length of Public Footpath ZR81 which commences from NGR TQ 8417 6383 (Point A), running on the western side of the boundary for 61 metres in a northerly direction to NGR TQ 8419 6388 (Point B) and adding that length of Public Footpath ZR81 with a width of between 1.2 and 1.5 metres commencing from NGR TQ 8417 6383 (Point A) running on the eastern side of the boundary for 61 metres in a northerly direction to the aforementioned Point B.

All distances are approximate, all directions are general. A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 15 August 2011 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) or 53(3)(c)(ii) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 2nd September 2012 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF THANET

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS TM35, TM37 AND PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY TM35A (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close the following from 21st September 2012

- 1) Public Footpath TM35 between the junction with Footpath TM36 (NGR TR 279 693) and the junction with Public Bridleway TM35A (NGR TR 290 682)
- 2) Public Bridleway TM35A between its junctions with Footpaths TM35 (NGR TR 290 682) and Public Footpath TM32 (NGR TR 291 682)
- 3) Public Footpath TM37 between Ingoldsby Road and the junction with Essex Gardens / Devon Gardens.

The paths will be closed at the following time:
01:00 hrs Sunday 23rd September and 05:00 hrs Monday 24th September

Further short periods of closure will be required within a three month period which will be signed on site.
The paths are to be closed because works are planned on the railway tracks and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Louise Adams

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XX

Dated: 2nd September 2012

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HIGHWAYS**HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD AREA****CHURCH HILL, CHILHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to lay phone ducting in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Hill, Chilham, on or after 23 September 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with The Square.

The 'No Entry' from A252 Maidstone Road into Church Hill will be suspended to allow access.

The alternative route is via Taylors Hill and A252 Maidstone Road.

HIGHWAYS - CANTERBURY AREA**GUILDFORD ROAD, CANTERBURY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Guildford Road, Canterbury, on or after 3 September 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length. The alternative routes are via Martyr's Field Road, Heaton Road and Zealand road or via Oxford Road, Lancaster Road, Zealand Road and Heaton Road.

HIGHWAYS - DOVER AREA**BELSEY LANE, EWELL MINNIS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new water supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Belsey Lane, Ewell Minnis, on or after 3 September 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Ferne Lane and Greenwich Lane.

The alternative route is via Ferne Lane, Warren Lane and Belsey Lane.

**HAWKSDOWN, WALMER
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hawksdown, Walmer, on or after 3 September 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Dover Road and White Acre Drive.

The alternative route is via Hawksdown, Hawksdown Road (with the agreement of the Residents' Association), Gram's Road and A258 Dover Road.

**SANDOWN ROAD, THE QUAY AND KNIGHTRIDER STREET,
SANDWICH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in Sandwich, on or after 3 September 2012, as shown below.

SANDOWN ROAD - closed from 3 September for up to 2 weeks, between Grange Cottage and the junction with Manwood Road.

THE QUAY - closed from approximately 17 September for up to 2 weeks, between Quay Cottage and the junction with Knightrider Street

KNIGHTRIDER STREET - closed from approximately 24 September for up to 7 weeks, between the junctions with The Quay and Sandown Road

SANDOWN ROAD - from approximately 5 November 2012 for up to 12 weeks (with an anticipated slowdown over Christmas), between the junctions with Knightrider Street and Manwood Road

Only one road will be closed at any one time.

The dates of the phases are approximate guidelines which may vary subject to weather, ground conditions and the progress of the works. The exact dates will be notified to local residents and signposted on site.

The alternative route for all phases is via the respective sections of Sandown Road, Knightrider Street, The Quay, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, (Harnet Street and The Strand in reverse), New Street and St George's Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER DISTRICT)
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES)
CONSOLIDATION (AMENDMENT NO 16) ORDER 2012**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(6), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act: The effect of the Order will be to prohibit waiting at the following locations:-

Dodd's Lane, Dover On the northwest side of the road. From the end of the existing waiting restrictions at the southwest end of Dodd's Lane, for a distance of 13m in a north easterly direction. On the end of the existing waiting restrictions at the south west end of Dodd's Lane, for a distance of 15m in a north easterly direction.

Maxton Road, Dover From the end of the existing 'at any time' waiting restriction at the junction of Maxton Road and Mount Road, extending 7m in a south westerly direction.

Temple Side, Temple Ewell On the north east side of the road. From the boundary of no.72 Target Firs and no.2 Temple Side, for a distance of 10m in a north westerly direction.

Dover Road, Walmer On the north west side of the road. From the boundary of nos.219/221 Dover Road, for a distance of 36m in a north easterly direction.

Northcote Road, Deal At the north end of the road, along the north end of the road for 6m, and extending 8m on each side of the road from the north end of the road.

Canterbury Road, Wingham On both sides of the road. From the boundary of no.1 and no.2 Canterbury Road, in a north easterly then easterly direction for a distance of 60m.

Sea Street, St Margaret's-at-Cliffe On the south west side of the road, from the boundary of Dutch Oven and Meadow View, in a north westerly direction for 41m.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Javelin Way Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Kent, CT16 3PJ during normal opening hours.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Traffic Schemes Team, Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, Ashford Highway Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 24 September 2012.

HIGHWAYS - GRAVESEND AREA**HERON HILL LANE, MEOPHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of Essential carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Heron Hill Lane, Meopham, on or after 3 September 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from David Street to 160 meters west of the junction.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with David Street to 160 meters west of the junction.

HIGHWAYS - MAIDSTONE AREA**MORRY LANE, EAST SUTTON
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to install a new drainage system, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Morry Lane, East Sutton, on or after 17 September 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic from the junction of Chartway Street for approximately 25 metres.

The alternative route is via Chartway Street, Charlton Lane.

**PLUM TREE LANE AND HILL GREEN ROAD, STOCKBURY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of drainage works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Plum Tree Lane and Hill Green Road, Stockbury, on or after 3 and 10 September 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic on Plum Tree Lane between the junction of Hill Green Road and West Wood Road and on Hill Green Road between the junction of Yelsted Road and The Street.

The alternative route for Plum Tree Lane is via Hill Green Road, The Street, South Street Road, West Wood Road and for Hill Green Road is via The Street, South Street Road Yelsted Lane.

**TESTON LANE, TESTON
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of maintenance tamping and RSM inspection by Network Rail, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Teston Lane, Teston, on or after 23 September 2012 for up to 1 day between 07.00hrs and 23.00hrs or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from A26 Tonbridge Road to Teston Country Park.

The alternative route is via A26 Tonbridge Road, Farleigh Lane, Station Road, B2010 Lower Road, Teston Lane.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS) (BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)
(VARIOUS TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS)
(CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO. 1) ORDER 2012**

The Kent County Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 82 (2); 83 (2); and 84 (1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, has made an Order to:-

1. Modify the following Order: The Kent County Council (Various Roads) (Borough of Maidstone) (Various Traffic Movements) Consolidation Order 2000
2. Introduce Prohibition of Right Turns from the roads specified in Column 1 into the road specified in Column 2:

Column 1	Column 2
1. Brunswick Street East	1. Upper Stone Street
2. Upper Stone Street	2. Old Tovil Road

3. Introduce Prohibition of Left Turns from the roads specified in Column 1 into the road specified in Column 2:

Column 1	Column 2
1. Brunswick Street	1. Upper Stone Street

This Order is to formalise restrictions already in place and does not introduce any new restrictions.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the Order and a statement of reasons for making the Order may be examined during normal office hours Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX and at Ashford Highway Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, 4 Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - SEVENOAKS AREA**RABBITS ROAD, SOUTH DARENTH
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of new gas service installation, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rabbits Road, South Darenth, on or after 17th September 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside The Retreat at the junction with Skinny Lane and Shrubbery Road.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Skinny Lane and Shrubbery Road.

The alternative route is via: Rabbits Road, Canada Farm Road, Green Street, Green Road, St Margaret's Road, Holmesdale Hill, Shrubbery Road and East Hill.

HIGHWAYS - SHEPWAY AREA**BARTHOLOMEW STREET, HYTHE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new gas supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bartholomew Street, Hythe, on or after 17 September 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the rear of 29B High Street.

The alternative route is via Hillside Street and Old Malthouse Hill

HIGHWAYS - SWALE AREA**NELSON STREET, FAVERSHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow phone ducting to be placed in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Nelson Street, Faversham, on or after 20 September 2012 for up to 1 day, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed outside property numbers 2 & 3. The alternative route is via The Mall, Preston Lane and Preston Grove.

**SCHOOL LANE, IWADE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide services for a new development, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on School Lane, Iwade, on or after 17 September 2012 for up to 12 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between property numbers 66 and 90.

The alternative route is via Shepway Way, Stockfast Lane and High Oak Hill.

HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA**STAR LANE, BROADSTAIRS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of road widening and improvements, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Star Lane, Broadstairs, on or after 3 September 2012 for up to 6 months or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junction with Manston Court Road and Nash Road.

The alternative route is via Manston Court Road, A256 Haine Road and Nash Road.

For further information, please contact

Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - TONBRIDGE & MALLING, TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND SEVENOAKS AREA

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, TONBRIDGE & MALLING, TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND SEVENOAKS) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994 SECTION 16A

Kent County Council gives Notice that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is being held on the highway. Kent County Council intends to make an Order; the effect will be to temporarily prohibit the use of vehicles travelling on the roads detailed below.

The Order will become effective on Sunday 23rd September 2012. The event is planned to last 1 day between 09:00hrs and 14:30hrs. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

Nothing in the Order will apply to:

- Any vehicle being used for Ambulance purposes, Coastguard/RNLI, Fire Brigade or Police services.
- Anything done by a Statutory Undertaker vehicle in connection with an emergency repair.
- Anything done with the permission or at the direction of a KCC traffic Marshall, Event Organisers or a Police Constable in Uniform.

Schedule

Road Name: Brook Street, Tonbridge
Extent: From Hayesbrook School to Upper Haysden Lane

Road Name: Molescroft Way, Tonbridge
Extent: Entire Length

Road Name: Upper Haysden Lane, Tonbridge & Bidborough, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Entire length

Road Name: Haysden Lane, Bidborough, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: From Brook Street to Ensfield Road

Road Name: Ensfield Road, Bidborough, Tunbridge Wells & Leigh, Sevenoaks
Extent: Entire length

Road Name: Lower Green, Leigh, Sevenoaks
Extent: Entire length

Road Name: B2027 High Street, Leigh, Sevenoaks
Extent: Entire length

Road Name: B2027 Hildenborough Road, Leigh, Sevenoaks
Extent: Entire length

Road Name: Rings Hill, Hildenborough, Tonbridge
Extent: Stocks Green Road to Lower Street

Road Name: Lower Street, Hildenborough, Tonbridge
Extent: Entire length

Road Name: Philpots Lane, Leigh, Sevenoaks
Extent: Entire length

Road Name: Coppings Road, Leigh, Sevenoaks
Extent: Entire length

Road Name: Compasses Hill, Leigh, Sevenoaks
Extent: Entire length

Road Name: B2027 Tonbridge Road, Leigh, Sevenoaks
Extent: Entire length

Road Name: B2027 Penshurst Road, Sevenoaks
Extent: Entire length

Road Name: Lower Haysden Lane, Bidborough, Tunbridge Wells & Tonbridge
Extent: Entire length

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate The Tonbridge Half Marathon.

HIGHWAYS - TUNBRIDGE WELLS AREA

BROOMHILL ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Broomhill Road, Tunbridge Wells, on or after 3 September 2012 for up to 7 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Oriel Cottage for 45m towards Speldhurst Road.

The alternative route is via Lower Green Road, Etherington Hill, Speldhurst Road.

WHETSTED ROAD, CAPEL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new water main over the railway bridge, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Whetsted Road, Capel, on or after 3 September 2012 for up to 26 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via B2017 Badsell Road, A228 Maidstone Road, Whetsted Road.

John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 2nd September 2012

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ATTRACTIVE caring lady, 77, 5ft 1ins, GSOH, fit, varied interests, seeks sincere gent, N/S for companionship and happiness. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395453

GILLY green eyed red haired nurse looking to start a new life with similar lonely male also looking for genuine love. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395043

ANNE attractive 30's student nurse who loves to keep fit and travel looking for broadminded professional male, any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395037

CLAIRE 19y old bored busty blonde seeking male for fun times in or out. Discretion assured. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395033

LINDA 42, easygoing, likes cinema, walks, theatre, seeks N/S male with similar interests for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395923

FIT active lady, early 70's, honest, caring, OHAC, likes gardening, music/dance, seeking nice companion to enjoy life together and have good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394915

SARAH 40, large, tactile, likes cuddles, walks, cinema, beach, meals out, seeking mate for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390912

LADY 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386331

SENSUAL 32y old professional with no time to have a relationship, seeks similar understanding male for compatible discreet relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386309

BECKY 34 single mum of one, GSOH, employed with OHAC, fun to be with and very loving. WLTMr Right if he is out there? ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386305

LOUISE young 48, long hair, blue eyes, cultured, easygoing, good natured, seeks intelligent, genuine guy for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389389

TINA young 64, smoker, GSOH, loving, caring, likes animals, meals out, seeks male for companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394201

LESLY professional single mum, a bit of a chatterbox, loves fine dining/wining, WLTM eligible bachelor to take advantage of. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394659

JULIE 5ft 9in blue eyed blonde looking for male for mutually convenient meets, looks/status unimportant, discretion a must. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394123

SUSAN first time advertiser very lonely and looking for love with considerate, loyal male with lots of love to give and GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393489

TRACY likes nights in/out, seeking honest male, 36-46 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391884

SERENE affable black attractive slim female 37 with a benevolent smile, friendly, loves reading nature, theatre, music, sports WLTM genuine caring gent, 34 to 47 to share laughter/life. London Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369411

BUBBLY female, 49, kind, caring, honest, GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, likes meals out, pubs, cooking, cinema, seeks male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391117

HAPPY young looking 71yr old female, well travelled, intelligent, GSOH, seeks genuine, affectionate male, 60 plus. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393805

SARAH 27y old single mum, independent, very pretty, GSOH, many interests, seeking male for cuddles and lots of TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390900

ELIZABETH 70 plus, enjoys life, GSOH, seeks caring man for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393173

ELIZABETH 70 plus, enjoys life, GSOH, seeks caring man for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393173

JENNETTE big brown eyed busty fit size 10 with lots of interest, searching for a sincere man to share love and life with. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374703

JENNY very young shy black female looking for reliable genuine nice older man to help me become an attentive lover, 40-70ys. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392470

HELLO I'm Jane, attractive, genuine, caring, intelligent, romantic and single at 38yrs, what are you waiting for? Call me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374677

RACHAEL blonde haired attractive female 27, looking for love with fun guy who like me is not looking for anything too serious, Any age. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394667

TRACY mum of two, blonde, slim, attractive, tactile and very sexy for age, WLTM male 30-50yrs for it, single dad welcome. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394665

LESLEY professional single mum, a bit of a chatterbox, loves fine dining/wining, WLTM eligible bachelor to take advantage of. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394659

SALLY 27y old Air Hostess seeking honest reliable male to join the mile high club, discreet liaisons and friendship with benefits. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394655

TANYA 28, beautiful black single mum, very body confident and all out of love. Lonely and looking for good company with experienced respectful man. Any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381727

GEOGINA likes horses, dogs walks, seeks male, 60-72 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394525

LADY 70, likes most things, WLTM gent of similar age for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394309

JACQ 45, slim, natural blonde, blue eyes, GSOH, seek confident guy for company/friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394309

GINA 65, likes bowling, golf, looking for N/S male, 60-66 for friendship, fun, nights in and out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394623

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PAULA 27, attractive brunette very outgoing and sensual looking for similar male for mature broadminded relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393489

KAREN pretty single mum of one, 34, independent, professional OHAC, looking for someone special to enjoy good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394563

MID 40's slim, attractive female seeks single male, 65-80 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391989

DONNA 24yr old single nurse, pretty, brown hair, big eyes, likes meals out, pubs, cooking, cinema, seeks male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392497

ELIZABETH 70 plus, enjoys life, GSOH, seeks caring man for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393173

ELIZABETH 70 plus, enjoys life, GSOH, seeks caring man for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393173

JENNY very normal single white female, likes nights in/out, keeping fit, seeking genuine romantic black male for it. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391903

MARGARET middle aged attractive, likes storm chasing, cooking, seeks male with GSOH, possible forces. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391013

JAYNE honest sincere attractive lonely professional, OHAC, looking for fun times with similar lonely gent, age/status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391121

AFFABLE serene black attractive slim female 37 with a benevolent smile, loves reading nature, theatre, music WLTM genuine caring gent to share laughter/life. London Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393121

JACKIE 32 attractive classy professional, blue eyes, brown hair, healthy/trim, well travelled, feminine, smart, seeks male, 40-50yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393131

FAY very lonely single mum, 26yrs looking for some adult companionship with open minded, non-judgmental male. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393131

LORRAINE 32y old petite attractive female looking for male to turn up the heat on our rather gloomy summer. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393119

MATURE gent seeks attractive young female as companion on 6 week holiday in late August. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395929

PRESENTABLE Surrey male, looking for lady for afternoon fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395521

MICHAEL romantic, honest, caring, seeks lady to brighten up lonely life, likes walks, meals out, nights in. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395445

ROY 43, 6ft, attractive, GSOH, likes gym, seeking female for no strings fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393665

SUSAN gorgeous 29yr old lonely Scottish lass new to area and at loose end, seeking reliable caring male up to 40yrs for friendship/more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392598

ANDY businessman, likes animals, meals out, seeking happy, outgoing female to enjoy life with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394535

SUB male, WLTM mature extremely dominant female for happy relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395327

MICHAEL dark hair, brown eyes, 5ft 9ins, outgoing, likes cinema, meals out, walks, animals, looking for friendship, romance and relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392306

MALE likes animals, simple things in life, seeks N/S, tall, slim female with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391738

HI genuine, fun to be with male? Nancy 39, attractive, discreet, lonely and in need of some much missed male attention. Call me Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381705

IRENE looking for happy go lucky relationship with trustworthy male for romantic evenings in, quiet nights out, passionate weekends away and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394461

VICKY 26y old pretty blonde, athletic, good job, great house/car, single and getting bored, looking for male to entertain me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394459

I'M Dawn a petite medium built female who enjoys most things looking for fun, love and companionship. Any age/looks/status. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383047

JEM 24 new to this, WLTM someone who also enjoys fine wine/dining for good times and adult relationship, 24-45yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394129

YOUNG in outlook 60y old lady, seeks gent with similar interests. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393173

ELIZABETH 51, slim blue eyed blonde, 35yrs, great fun, intelligent, educated, N/S, seeks witty guy for gym dates, friendship and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379649

VERY attractive single black female, 32, loves night in/out, seeking genuine companion for text fun, love and laughter. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393131

MARIE 26y old petite attractive female looking for male to turn up the heat on our rather gloomy summer. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392642

MATURE gent seeks attractive young female as companion on 6 week holiday in late August. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394371

LADY 60's, bubbly, hurt in past, likes socialising, cooking, cats, holidays, seeks kind honest gent, 58-65 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389653

KIRSTY 44y going for 24yrs, sensual, attractive and in need of spoiling, and attention, seeks likeminded male for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383051

CLARE 36y old nurse, pretty, slim, smart mid 50's, needing to restart life, looking for tall, slim, smart gent with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393479

SUSAN gorgeous 29yr old lonely Scottish lass new to area and at loose end, seeking reliable caring male up to 40yrs for friendship/more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392598

KAREN 38 slim and attractive seeking confident professional for companionship, status/looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393154

KATHY 38 slim, natural blonde, blue eyes, GSOH, seek confident guy for company/friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394207

JACQ 45, slim, natural blonde, blue eyes, GSOH, seek confident guy for company/friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394207

GINA 65, likes bowling, golf, looking for N/S male, 60-66 for friendship, fun, nights in and out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394623

ROB 45, 6ft 2ins, brown eyes, seeking fun, friendly, outgoing male to enjoy life with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394401

SPANISH/SWEDISH speaker sought for 67yr old Chartered Accountant for education and companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395579

STEWART bi, 5ft 10ins, slim, 60's, looking for male, 45-65 for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395363

MALE seeking easygoing female for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395157

HELEN 34yr old single mum to one, tall, slim and attractive, WLTM intelligent male for good conversations and adult meets, 30-50yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394475

ELISA blue eyed blonde 39, curvy and delicious, loves to travel and live life, seeking similar free spirited loving male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394461

TRUDIE 26y old pretty blonde, athletic, good job, great house/car, single and getting bored, looking for male to entertain me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394459

SHARON 33, slim blonde, blue eyes outgoing, attractive, looking to put some much needed fun back into life, seeks male 30-45yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383047

ATTRACTION 48y old lady, slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes travel, cooking, working out, seeking loving man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390868

MICHELLE fit trendy 40's GSOH, female, no ties, good job, OHAC, looking for fun to be with, looking for honest friendship, trustworthy male for friendship, leading to poss lr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389579

PETITE French lady, likes to be pampered, seeks sugar daddy, 40-55 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379579

TRUDIE blue eyes, dark hair, solvent, OHAC, enjoys life, spending money, going out, seeking genuine male to enjoy life with and spoil. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395119

SUSSEX male, 50, attractive, seeks N/S, younger, attractive female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395019

ANDREW 6ft 4ins, medium build, outdoor type, gardener, GSOH, likes walks, animals, cycling, seeks N/S female to brighten up life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392476

TED 58, GSOH, likes travel, cooking, gardening, DIY, music, films, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394905

LIGHT hearted 58y old male, 6ft, blue eyes, slim, lively, active, seeks pretty woman 28-50 for fun times. Croydon. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393567

EXPERIENCED fella 55, good fun, seeks lady, 35-55 for exciting times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393797

MALE 56, seeks adventurous lady, 46-55 for uncomplicated friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393763

HAPPY go lucky male, 50, GSOH, seeks female for relationship and fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393739

28YR old lady, seeking male, 35-60 for serious relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391756

BUBBLY fun loving single mum, 47, seeks Knight in shining armour, 38-65 to put the spark back into life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392951

SHARON 33, slim blonde, blue eyes outgoing, attractive, looking to put some much needed fun back into life, seeks male 30-45yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383047

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Sound of silence



**The Boy With
Tape On His
Face has a lot
to say about
keeping quiet**

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THE INTERVIEW

Sam Willis

SILENT performers have a rich history in the comedy world, with the likes of Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin being household names around the globe.

Now there is one more to add to that list – The Boy With Tape On His Face.

"Ironically enough," he said, "word of mouth is getting out."

Stand-up comedian Sam Willis, better known as 'The Boy' or 'Tape Face', is coming off the back of a third year of sell-out performances at the Edinburgh Comedy Festival, a Royal Variety performance and an ever-increasing number of TV appearances.

All this with out a single word being uttered.

The 35-year-old has bagged awards from Chortle as "breakthrough act" in 2011 and Fosters as "best newcomer" in 2010, along with a string of gongs showing his notoriety in his native New Zealand and adopted Australia.

He is keen to reveal how his show differs from others in his genre: "I describe my show as stand-up comedy without talking, so if you like stand-up comedy then you will like my show."

"I use the same sort of formats as a regular gig, with set-ups then punch lines, but my difference is that I am on stage for an hour with a bit of gaffer tape over my mouth."

Audience participation is key to Willis's routine and in live comedy it can always be dangerous to use audience members – they are unpredictable. But he uses the crowd to keep participants in check.

"Most people are really keen to play along and get into it. When they get up on stage there is an initial fear of being in front of an audience for some, but once they realise the people are supportive the stage becomes a much safer place to be, which is really nice."

"I use props and people to create the jokes. Because of the show I do, there is no real wrong way to do it. So people getting up on stage have got a very small job as part of the gag."

"The key is getting them into the right place at the right time for the joke to work," he said.

But for those who have never seen him, the show is by no means silent. In fact, The Boy's new 38-date tour, which sees him come to The Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury, features a gunfight, a battle with Darth Vader and bringing John Lennon back to life.

"There is a huge amount of music in the show. When I do a key joke, then a key piece of music will suddenly play that will make it funnier and sillier."

"A lot of the time I get my inspiration from the music first when I am writing material. So

Witnessing the superb silence

Joe Bill meets The Boy With Tape On His Face – an unusual comic making a big noise around the UK... by not actually saying anything at all

when I hear one of those nostalgic 80s songs, then I will start working on a bit, just based around that song.

"I tend to limit my music tastes for the show to 80s and 90s because that is the target audience I am trying to create that nostalgic feeling for."

"Modern music is all good and fine, but for me there is not a great deal of comedy value in it."

Recent appearances on ITV's Comedy Rocks have helped to propel him into the UK spotlight, but, as Willis explains, this was never the intention in the beginning.

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When I do a key joke, then a key piece of music will suddenly play that will make it funnier and sillier...

WILLIS, ON HIS ACT



In fact, it was a magic set the comedian received as a child that set him on his way to becoming an apprentice to a clown in Timaru, his home town in New Zealand.

"After learning a few tricks, I knocked on the door of our local clown and asked if he would take me on, and he did."

"He taught me all the basics of unicycling and stuff like that and through this my passion became juggling."

I wanted to be a juggler in Las Vegas – that was my big goal."

Willis then did the one thing that all parents tell you not to do.

"I discovered a few towns up from where I lived there was a circus school. So I literally ended up dropping out of school and ran away to circus school. It was great fun.

"I juggled for two years and ended up staying at the school to teach juggling."

"It was there I got interested in the circus sideshows and the

'freak show'... all that Coney Island sort of stuff. I loved it all," he said.

Willis perfected the art of hammering a nail up his nose and other stunts before finding himself on stage performing "weird carnival tricks".

"I was making a career out of doing all these stunts and talking a lot of comedy, but I suppose I got bored of the sound of my own voice and decided to try something completely new and showed tape over my face."

And so The Boy character was born... almost.

"When I went on stage the first time as the new character I had it all planned out and I walked out and completely ruined it by talking to the audience. So the next night on stage I put the tape on my face to stop the urge to talk – so it was actually born out of necessity than a character-driven choice."

"The tape I use is pretty industrial – I ship it from Australia to the UK. It is a high-grade quality gaffer tape that you could probably stick a small child to a wall with."

Now based in Essex, Willis is taking the UK by storm, but he will never completely give up on his circus-esque roots.

"I mostly focus on the tape-face stuff because it has taken over my life a wee bit, which is fine because I really enjoy it."

"But it's still nice to sometimes go out on to the street, yell for an hour, shove my arse through a tennis racket and cut a cucumber up on someone's stomach."

"People have no idea that at night I put a bit of tape on my face and be quiet for an hour – they are very contrasting characters."

Occasionally, people ask if I am Tape Face, and I say no. It's like a reverse Superman type thing."

And, like many comics, The Boy also has his heroes and influences from the comedy world.

"The comedy I enjoy the most is the likes of Jimmy Carr because they are incredibly wordy. It's almost the polar opposite of what I do. I don't want to just sit down and watch three hours of Charlie Chaplin. There was always something quite sneaky about Chaplin – he is willing to steal the loaf of bread to win the girl over, but I like Buster Keaton... he was happy to let life tread all over him, which always quite endeearing to me."

When it comes to the future, and what is in store for audiences, Willis keeps it nice and simple:

"I will keep doing this until I get bored with it and evolve it into something else."

■ The Boy With Tape On His Face comes to The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury, on Tuesday, September 25 (phone 01227 787787 or visit www.marlowetheatre.com)

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YOUR WEEKEND



Soap star flies in for panto

Jennifer Ellison

Churchill Theatre, Bromley

Friday, Nov 30-Saturday, Jan 6
08448 717620
www.atgtickets.com/bromley

FORMER Brookside actress and model Jennifer Ellison will be playing Peter Pan in this year's Churchill Theatre Christmas panto.

After recently impressing on

ITV's Dancing On Ice, Ellison will slip on the tights once more to become the leader of the lost boys in Neverland.

Studying dance from the age of three, Ellison is a talented dancer, singer and actress although is probably best known for her role of Emily Shawdwick in Brookside.

Starring alongside her will be children's favourites Andrew Agnew (Balamory's PC Plum) as Captain Hook's sidekick Smee and CBBC presenter Gemma Hunt as Tinkerbell.

Tickets from £15-£26.

Russian ballet Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake

Central Theatre, Chatham

Sunday, October 21
01634 338338
www.whatsonmedway.co.uk

THE magic of Swan Lake is brought to Chatham by the Russian State Ballet and Opera House.

Tchaikovsky's classic will be sure to enchant audiences

as it has done since it was first performed at Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre in 1877.

The ballet tells the story of Odette, a young princess who is turned into a swan by an evil sorcerer and can only be saved by her prince's everlasting love and eternal devotion.

Swan Lake promises to impress ballet-lovers by showcasing the outstanding skills of the production's 45 dancers.

The show will entertain adult and child story-lovers alike with its vibrant portrayal of this classic tale.



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Charity bash at cathedral

What a ball!

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge

Friday, September 14
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WHY not take in the stunning sites of Canterbury Cathedral while helping to raise money for a very worthy cause?

The Cathedral Lodge will be hosting a charity ball on Friday, September 12, featuring food, drinks and live entertainment to raise cash for the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital in London.

For those turning up in formal dress, there will be a drinks reception from 7pm followed by a three-course banquet and music from local band Rubber Biscuit.

Tickets are priced at £49 each, but if you book a shared table for 10 guests the price will be £450 (£45 each).

The evening will wrap up at about 11pm. For more information or to reserve a ticket, email Jo.Thompson@CharityDinner@mail.com.



Rocking the Red Lion Slam Cartel

Leo's Red Lion, Gravesend

Friday, September 7
www.reverbnation.com/leosredlion
www.slamcartel.com

LONDON rockers Slam Cartel take their UK tour to Leo's Red Lion in Gravesend next month as part of their latest track launch.

New single Breathe has already become a favourite with Slam fans and has now been released to buy on digital sites.

Slam Cartel have been steadily gathering notoriety with the public for their true rock sound, combining hardcore hooks and rocking riffs heavily influenced by the likes of The Cult, Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Guns'n'Roses and the Foo Fighters.

The group's LP Handful of Dreams has aired on Planet Rock radio since its 2011 launch.



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YOUR WEEKEND

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THE autumn season at the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club opens with a pioneering cabaret festival.

Curtain-up on Friday, September 7, features award-winning star Brigitte Rene, who presents The Mosaic Cat Festival, a three-day mixed-arts cabaret bash.

Rene, winner of the 2011 Best Cabaret Award at The Adelaide Festival and who lives in Broadstairs, performs on both sides of the world and has five slots in the Mosaic Cat festival, including playing the part of Marlene Dietrich.

Also on the bill is Back To Back Bacharach, an act of music and theatre written and arranged by Graeme Davies and Jamie Moore that tells the first part of the Burt Bacharach story. Tickets cost £16 for Sarah Thorne Club members and £18 for non-members.



Sausage Time Harry Hill back from the burp

The Marlowe, Canterbury
February 7, 2013
01227 787787
www.marlowetheatre.com

COMEDIAN Harry Hill will be starting his first live tour for six years at The Marlowe Theatre next year.

The self-styled floppy-collared loon is back with

his Sausage Time show that promises proof that God exists, a section just for Tongans and a chance to catch up on Harry's Nan's latest ailments.

Stouffer the Cat returns and there is a debut stand-up spot by Gary, Harry's son, recognisable for his role as Alan Sugar in Harry Hill's TV Burp.

As star of the hit show, Hill established himself in the Saturday prime-time TV schedules fronting a staggering 11 series, which scooped three BAFTA awards and two British Comedy Awards.

Bob Dylan art goes on show Tour memoirs

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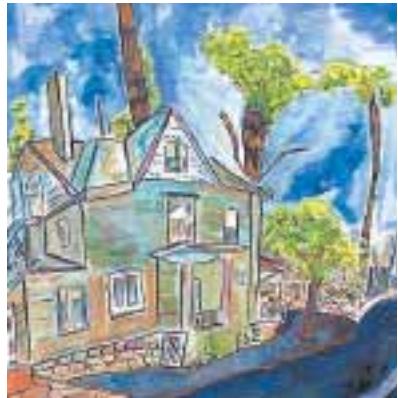
SINGER-SONGWRITER Bob Dylan has his new-limited edition artwork showcased at Bluewater's Castle Gallery.

One of the most important cultural icons of this century,

Dylan is an acclaimed singer and songwriter, but more recently he has been breaking into the art world with his collection of prints entitled The Drawn Blank Series.

The latest eight-piece collection includes the launch of the new piece House on Union Street, signed by Dylan.

The launch includes seven additional limited-edition graphics, including Dad's Restaurant, Truckstop and Vista from Balcony. The pieces were created during Dylan's world tour between 1989 and 1992.



Modern flat?



Or family home?



Top DJ's Royal date Roni Size at Star Hill

Royal Function Rooms, Rochester
Saturday, November 17
Tickets £18, on sale now
www.preservationsocietypresents.co.uk

BRITISH record-producer and DJ Roni Size is the latest to confirm a gig in Medway at the intimate Royal Function Rooms.

The former Mercury Music Prize-winner will play to some 200 people at the venue on Rochester's Star Hill, supported by Dynamite MC and Kids Unique on Saturday, November 17.

Size came to prominence in 1997 as the founder and leader of Reprazent, a drum-and-bass collective who won the Mercury Prize for their album New Forms.

The DJ was in Kent only last month as he played the Dance Stage at the successful Lounge On The Farm festival in Canterbury.

Tickets are on sale online now.



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Driving

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By Steve Loader

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VAUXHALL designers must have thought they had cracked it with the latest Meriva.

The masters of MPV flexibility designed their second-generation junior MPV to have a rear door that not only hinged to the rear but also swung unusually wide – a potential godsend to mums strapping in baby.

But arch-rival Ford strikes back this month with an all-new competitor, the B-Max (from £12,995) that not only has sliding rear doors but also does away with fixed centre side pillars – the strengthening is incorporated instead in the edges of the front and rear doors.

It's not just parents who will love this 1.5-metre-wide side opening but people who need to move the occasional bit of furniture, have elderly passengers, or like their sport and have loads of kit to stash aboard.

The arrangement also makes access easier in crowded streets or narrow parking bays.

Ford calls it the Easy Access Door System – well, they'd have to find some fancy name that also lends itself to abbreviation, wouldn't they?

Apparently, the brand's engineers went undercover to observe drivers in their daily routine – going shopping or picking up their children from school – to understand exactly what customers wanted from a compact car.

Apart from the door system, they also designed an easily-reconfigured seat system, with 60/40 split rear seats that fold flat with a simple one-hand, one-motion mechanism.

The front passenger seat can also be folded, creating an extensive flat-load floor capable of swallowing loads up to 2.34 metres long.

Combined with the generous side access, this makes it particularly convenient to load bulky items such as flat-pack furniture or bikes.

An adjustable floor in the boot creates a flat load space when the rear seats are lowered, with extra room below to hide valuables.

With all this flexibility, Ford believes the B-Max can not only capture existing MPV-users but many who would like to downsize from larger conventional cars – as many as 40 per cent of B-Max customers are expected to be in this category.

The UK market-leader has another card to play, too, in the form of an advanced voice-control system called Sync, allowing users to connect mobile phones and music players by Bluetooth or USB, make hands-free telephone calls and control music and other functions, all by using voice commands.

The powertrain choices are impressive, too, both petrol and diesel options delivering some excellent economy potential for this class: the 120PS (199bhp) 1.0-litre Ecoboost petrol (£18,195) records an official combined 57.7mpg, while the flagship diesel, the 95PS (94bhp) 1.6 TDCi, returns 70.6mpg.

Fiesta underpinnings ensure it's no mug in the handling department, either, despite the extra height and commanding driving position.



FORD B-MAX

Price:
£12,995

Driving appeal:
Not yet driven

Image:



Space:



Value:



Running costs:



Reliability:



How green?:



Best rival:
Vauxhall Meriva

Ford maxes out on small MPV that offers you lots of space



ROOM TO MOVE: The open B-Max is built to make it easier to access the rear seats, as demonstrated by Ford designer Erika Tsubaki



DON'T LIKE

... the boxy styling. It's practical, but many MPV-buyers still want some style. Vauxhall's Meriva and the Citroën C3 Picasso look sharper.



NOT SURE

... Ford always gets the look when creating practical cars – witness the current C-Max seven-seater and the unlamented Ford Fusion.



REALLY LIKE

... how Ford has gone back to basics in trying to work out what people really want. Despite the styling, the B-Max should be a big hit.

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BiTurbo adds premium power

By Steve Loader

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IN a range with so many trim and engine permutations, you may be forgiven for overlooking the twin-turbo diesel option added to the Insignia earlier this year.

But the new BiTurbo speaks volumes for Vauxhall's ambition to snap at the heels of premium marques like BMW and Audi.

Both German brands offer silky and potent six-cylinder diesel engines, but Vauxhall cannot now justify such investment since opting out of selling big executive flagships like the Senator and Omega – though the Insignia does a pretty good job of straddling that and its own more mainstream D-segment.

Vauxhall's solution to the engine conundrum, then, is to add an extra turbo to the Insignia's everyday four-cylinder 2.0-litre diesel, boosting output from 160 to 195PS (193bhp). The result is a car that responds like a six-cylinder as the smaller turbo spins up at low revs to deliver pulling power quickly before the main turbo joins in.

It all seems so effortless and, when paired with the all-wheel-drive of the upmarket VX-Line Sports Tourer test car and a slick six-speed gearbox, it can gobble up the cross-country miles and hit 60mph in just 8.6 seconds.

Significantly, Vauxhall has also supported the extra power by fitting its FlexRide adaptive damping as standard on all Insignia BiTurbo – normally a £790 option on front-wheel-drives.

FlexRide automatically tunes the dampers according to how the car is being driven and can also be set to tour and sport modes to sharpen the driving experience still further.

On 4x4 versions like ours, FlexRide is also linked into the car's Torque Transfer Device (TTD) to deliver exceptional traction, grip and control to a level likely to flatter the driver.

And while the official combined fuel consumption, as ever, looks optimistic at 50.4mpg, this is an economical sporting car that should give the

INSIGNIA BITURBO 2.0CDTi SRI VX-LINE 4x4 SPORTS TOURER: PRICE £32,390



WORTH A LOOK: The 4x4 Sports Tourer is a choice that offers drive experience and style

Germans a fright once you get past the equally optimistic £32,390 list price and have a haggle.

OK, the issue of badge snobbery comes into play here; you would need a serious discount to offset the Vauxhall's greater depreciation as well as persuade you not to buy a premium badge, but I always make a case for the Insignia's style.

It was a worthy winner of the European Car of the Year title in 2009 and heralded a string of excellent designs from Vauxhall's British designer Mark Adams and his team.

The saloon/hatch looks like a four-door coupé, while the rakish Sports Tourer is the slickest estate on the market yet still practical, and the much-discussed blade detail abaft the front wheel is a master touch suggesting power.

Apart from the performance flagship VXR, the VX-Line trim on the test car is also as sporty as

you can get and includes – as you may have guessed – lots of VXR kit such as the front spoiler, side sills and rear skirt and spoiler plus a leather-covered three-spoke sports steering wheel, leather-covered gearknob and dark headlining.

With the addition of the test car's £1,145 perforated leather sports seats, with electrically-adjustable front ones, the roomy cabin is smart.

Vauxhall has conducted a major upgrade of its interiors over recent years to the point where it has surpassed a couple of so-called premium marques and pulverised many mainstream rivals.

The Insignia's is well organised with quality alloy trimmings and an upmarket finish, complemented by decent ride quality and refined cruising ability and great passenger and load-carrying practicality across all three body styles – in short, it's a car worth spending time in.

First GEAR MOTORING NEWS



The eve of Adam is near

VAUXHALL opens order books on its eye-catching Mini and Fiat 500 rival, the Adam, when the Paris Motor Show opens on Thursday, September 27.

As with the two retro stars, the Adam will offer a high level of customisation over and above three trim levels likely to meet most tastes – Jam (fashionable/colourful), Glam (elegant/sophisticated) and Slam (racy/sporty).



Honda sale time launches

HONDA has been staging a summer sale ahead of the 62-plate change and also running a daily draw on the brand website, with prizes ranging from a car or motorcycle down to other Honda products such as a lawnmower.

Top showroom deals are likely to be the new Honda Civic hatchback, pictured, or run-out bargains on the soon-to-be-replaced third-generation CR-V SUV.



Toyota GT86 is real deal

NOT short of media praise, Toyota's GT86 sports coupé, is now making the most of a multi-million-pound advertising splash.

The 'real deal' ad features a computer-generated man who, tired of living in an artificial world, finds the GT86 and uses it to break out into the real world.

And all to the strains of the classic Edith Piaf song Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien.

Range Rover is star weight-watcher

By Steve Loader

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JAGUAR has been a pioneer of lightweight-aluminium body construction, so it's no surprise that sister brand Land Rover's all-new Range Rover benefits from the same.

And it can now claim to be the world's first SUV to get a lightweight all-aluminium monocoque body structure.

It's not hard to see why the luxury 4x4 adopted it, either: along with aluminium chassis elements, it means the new RR is a whopping 39 per cent/420 kilos lighter than before and delivers much-needed CO₂ emissions savings – there ought to be a motoring weight-watcher-of-the-year prize.

It's the fourth-generation Range Rover since the original arrived more than 40 years ago as a three-door runabout offering farmers, land-owners and the construction industry something with Land Rover off-road ability but far more comfort on- and off-road.

Subsequent generations, though, have made it a luxury brand within a brand while retaining ultimate 4x4 off-road ability – something the aluminium construction can only enhance by giving the car a lower centre of gravity when tackling inclines.

Land Rover says the weight saving and a re-engineering of the air suspension have enhanced the car's on-road ability; the luxurious ride is retained, but the car now delivers flatter, more confident, cornering.

But while a revolution was taking place in



construction, the new Range Rover styling is deliberately evolutionary – there are no great surprises about the way it looks.

A revamped version of Land Rover's Terrain Response system is also retained to automatically assess current driving conditions and ter-

rain and select the most suitable vehicle settings.

And while the car's passengers will ride in luxury, the new Range Rover has already done the hard yards to ensure durability and reliability; development vehicles covered millions of miles of arduous tests in more than 20

countries, exposed to extremes of climate and road surfaces.

Order books are now open and customers have the choice of a supercharged V8 petrol engine or TDV6 and TDV8 diesel engines, with delivery expected in early 2013.

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PARALYMPICS

Stars of the road set for Brands Hatch showdown as Games begin

By Greg Miles

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THE wait is almost over as Kent gets ready to welcome the Paralympics.

The famous Brands Hatch circuit will be awash with the world's best paralympic cyclists battling it out for 32 medals from Wednesday to Saturday this coming week.

As seen at the Olympics, Great Britain has an abundance of talent to call upon in this sport, and they cemented their medal credentials last year picking up ten medals at the 2011 World Road Cycling Championships, including two gold, two silver and six bronze.

So expectations to see Brits on the podium will be high from those in the near sell-out crowds expected at the track. They'll also be cheered on by hundreds lining the streets on the course, which is 8km long and split evenly between the motor circuit and the surrounding roads.

There are three different types of competition taking place, including the men's and women's road races, time trials and team relays.

The road races and team relays are straight finals, with all the competitors starting together with the first three over the line winning medals.

The team relay events will be conducted as mass start events on a looped course, with each team consisting of three riders. The race will be six laps long, with each rider doing two laps.

In the time trials athletes start at 60-second intervals, with the one to complete the course the fastest the winner.

The course itself will be a challenging one with approximately 25 per cent of it being uphill, with gradients of no more than six per cent. There are also plenty of twists and turns, and plenty of wide areas to allow for bunch sprints such as in the finishing straight.

There are a number of races for each of the three disciplines with each race classified on the severity of the disability of the athlete as follows:

- B indicates a tandem pairing.
- H1-H4 indicates athletes using hand cycles.
- T1-T2 indicates athletes using a tricycle.
- C1-C5 indicates athletes using a bicycle with modifications.

If you're not able to make it to the event it will be shown live on Channel 4 as well as on its website www.paralympics.channel4.com

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PARALYMPIC CYCLISTS AIMING FOR TRACK SUCCESS...

Karen Darke

Women's Individual H 1-2 Time Trial
Women's Individual H 1-3 Road Race

KAREN Darke who will be making her Paralympic debut this week has an extraordinary thirst for adventure.



As a teenager she climbed Mont Blanc, the Matterhorn and won a Swiss mountain marathon before she became paralysed from the chest down after falling 10m in a rock climbing accident.

Since then the geologist has taken part in numerous challenges around the world, starting off with the Great North Run and the London Marathon before taking it up a notch to bike over the Himalayas in 1997.

Three years later she hand-cycled the length of Japan, then kayaked around Alaska in 2003, skied across Greenland in 2006, circumnavigated Corsica by sea kayak in 2006, competed in the half Iron Man and climbed El Capitan in 2007. She was also crowned World Para-Triathlon Champion in 2009.

She decided she wanted to compete in the London Games after watching the Beijing Paralympics four years ago.

The 31-year-old, from Halifax, claimed her first medal a year later with a Bronze medal in the Para-Cycling World Cup which cemented her place in the British Para-Cycling team for 2010.

Last year she won two Silver medals at Para-Cycling World Cup in Australia, in both the H2 road race and time trial events.

Next year she is hoping to become the first paraplegic to reach the South Pole as the only disabled person in a team of four, but she insists it is no distraction to her hopes for a medal this week.

Rachel Morris

Women's Individual H 1-3 Road Race



AN ANKLE injury on Rachel Morris' 17th birthday triggered the onset of an extremely rare and painful disease.

Complex Regional Pain Syndrome rejects the body's ability to recover from injury, and led to her having her left leg amputated above her knee in 2003. The disease spread to her right leg forcing a second amputation.

The 33-year-old chose to move from sailing to handcycling with great success in 2007. She became the double World Champion that year in the time trial and road race competitions which paved the way for Paralympic funding that helped her reach Gold in Beijing a year later.

She had a phenomenal year in 2010, successfully defending her titles in the road race and time trial at the Para-Cycling World Championships in Canada, a feat she repeated in 2011 when the championships took place in Australia.

She won the last title despite sliding off a wet road while training. As a result she suffered a dislocated shoulder.

It has also not been the best preparation for the Paralympics as she was hit by a car while training in early July. Not only has she had to recover, but she needed a new handcyle which had to be shipped over from America. Despite that, she is not ruling out a podium place this week.

Mark Colbourne

Men's Individual C 1 Time Trial
Men's Individual C 1-3 Road Race

FROM a young age sport has been a big part of Mark Colbourne's life.

The Welshman represented his country in volleyball after graduating and played in three British Championships in the 1990s.



It wasn't just mainstream sports that appealed to him and he took up rock climbing and paragliding, while also cycling in triathlons. But three years ago he had to make an emergency landing while paragliding near Swansea when his wing collapsed and folded in front of him.

He fell to the ground from 40ft suffering a broken back and serious lower leg paralysis. He went through five months of intense physiotherapy as he learnt to walk again with walking aids.

The 42-year-old carried on his passion for sport, training and competing in the Welsh indoor adaptive rowing championships. He then went on to try cycling in September 2009 when he won two Gold medals at the Wales GB - watching on were Great Britain coaches who spotted his talent.

Little more than two years after his accident he was quick enough to be selected in the C1 category for the GB para-cycling team - and he didn't disappoint, winning five medals in the time trials and road races in the summer of 2011.

He went on to race at the Para-Cycling Road World Championships where he won the silver medal in the time trial, as well as a fourth place in the road race. He also took to the velodrome for the first time at the 2012 Para-Cycling Track World Championships claiming a gold and silver in the process.

CRICKET

Salary-capping system to save drain of talent from Kent

Picture: ADY KERRY



TALKS: Jamie Clifford is tying down Kent's talent

HOPES are high that Kent's young stars will stay at the St Lawrence ground for the foreseeable future, according to chief executive Jamie Clifford.

There are a number of players whose contracts are coming to an end including experienced quintet Brendan Nash, Darren Stevens, Geraint Jones, James Tredwell and Ben Harrison.

Youngsters Sam Northeast, Chris Piesley, Fabian Cowdry, Ben Kemp and Ashley Shaw's contracts are also up at the end of this season.

Clifford believes the days of counties being drained of talent by those with bigger spending power are gone thanks to the new salary capping system.

"I think in the past it's been difficult, but now with a salary cap in place I'm relatively comfortable with our ability to compete in the market," he said. "I think we have a clear idea of what we are trying to do, which helps."

"Perhaps in the past we were concerned, in the pre-salary cap days. Some counties could outbid everybody and there was a talent drain away from some of the counties who couldn't compete."

"We are talking about Surrey and those counties who have got test match cricket and a much bigger turnover. The cap has had the desired effect and constrained how far they can go to outbid others."

He also pointed to the fact that players are

more likely to stay if they're happy, as they are at Kent: "We have gone well this year, the environment is very good, there is a good dressing room, everybody is upbeat."

"Players are a lot happier with how they are progressing, that changes a lot in their desire to move. If they are content and feel they are progressing they are less likely to want to move - that's where we are at the moment."

He said announcements would be made before the end of the season.

"The negotiations are ongoing, some are nearing completion and others have got a way to go," he said. "I would anticipate before the end of the season announcing where everybody has got to."

Sport

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FOOTBALL

Spireites visit a reminder of what could have been

By Greg Miles

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LAST year's May 11 victory over the Gills probably seems a long while ago for a Chesterfield fan right now.

Former Spireites manager John Sheridan masterminded the promotion party that day when they beat the Gills 3-1 to reach League One.

But he was sacked this week, paying the price for a disappointing start to the season after their relegation last term.

They have yet to win having lost in the Capital One Cup first round after extra time at home to Tranmere, then they suffered a 1-0 defeat at AFC Wimbledon, before consecutive 1-1 draws at home against Rochdale and Rotherham.

If the frustration of missing out on the play-offs by just two points in the last two seasons under Andy Hessenthaler's stewardship wasn't enough, Gills fans have watched their dreams becoming someone else's reality twice now.

Firstly at Chesterfield, at the end of that 2010/11 season, and in the last campaign when Swindon clinched the title at Priestfield despite a 3-1 win for the hosts.

The transition of the squad since the visit to the Proact Stadium is clear to see when a glance at the team sheet reveals just three players still in the Gills ranks. Joe Martin and Danny Jackman started that game, while Jack Payne was an unused substitute. Summer trialist Dean Morgan also came off the bench for Chesterfield.

The last time the Gills won against tomorrow's opposition Chesterfield was in April 2009 when



SURVIVOR: Joe Martin is one of three who was in the squad the last time the Gills played Chesterfield

Mark McCommon scored the only goal.

Matches between the two sides have thrown up some unusual results through the years, in particular in the 1987/88 season which probably still gives Chesterfield fans nightmares after a 10-0 drubbing at the Priestfield. Bizarrely the Gills won 8-1 at home to Southend the previous

Saturday, but failed to find the net in 11 other home fixtures that season.

Myles Weston is free to return to the side after he was cup-tied for Capital One Cup second round defeat to Middlesbrough on Tuesday. Charlie Lee is nursing a knock and Jack Payne is expected to be available despite a finger injury.

BOXING

Opponent's poor record does not mean anything to Dingsy

HOO boxer Adam 'Dingsy' Dingsdale takes on a man with 28 losses to his name tomorrow night.

But the 24-year-old, who has just three professional bouts to his name, is not taking anything for granted against his opponent.

Dingsdale takes on Daniel Carr, who is also 24, in the Doncaster Dome where he has already fought twice this year, having firstly overcome Kristian Laight, and then Slovakian Jozef Mezei in his last fight.

He is hoping to secure more fights down south in the future and has his eye on one over the border in Essex in November.

But for now he is focused on a fourth straight win against his Trowbridge opponent who has lost his last nine fights on points and has just two wins to his name.

"I'm not underestimating him because of his losses," he said.

"He's a lot better than his record suggests, a lot of those decisions have been close calls. He likes to win and he will have a go, but I'm definitely a better boxer than him.

"I'm feeling good, I'm on the weight, and training has gone well."

Picture: TREVOR PRICE



CONFIDENT: Dingsdale wants a win

He admitted he didn't know anything about his previous opponent Mezei, but is clued up about the man they call Dirty Dan.

"I've seen him fight, he's been around a bit, I'm not going into the ring blind," said Dingsdale, who trains at Invicta Gym in Queensborough. "He's got a reputation for being a dirty fighter so I'll have to watch that."

"I don't think I will have to go looking for him - he will come to me. He will make mistakes and I will counter each of his mistakes."

FOOTBALL

Chatham boss is confident there is still more to come

KEVIN Watson has warned that confidence is high at Chatham Town after their unbeaten start to the season.

The Chats take on Suffolk side Needham Market tomorrow in what Watson believes will be a real test of where they are.

His side have flown out of the blocks in the Ryman One North, which they currently top after a 4-0 win over Waltham Abbey, a 3-0 win at Ilford, a 2-1 win in the FA Cup over Peacehaven & Telscombe, and a 1-1 draw at Grays Athletic on Bank Holiday Monday.

Despite that, he believes there is more to come from his team and isn't getting carried away by their table-topping start.

"The management team has targets. We don't really publicise them and put too much pressure on the players, but we take it game by game as a squad," he said. "I think there's more to come in terms of performance."

"It's a marathon not a sprint. If we are top at Christmas we might start to think differently, but it's only three games in."

He knows his side will be in for a

Picture: IGOR KUPCO



PRESSURE: Watson sets no targets

tough test against NM, who have played just twice, picking up a win and a draw.

"They will be up there at the end of the season," he said. "It will be a good test of where we are. We go into it with a bit of confidence."

CRICKET ROUND-UP



High Halstow and Rainham in danger

LORDSWOOD all but condemned Canterbury to the drop after a seven-wicket win.

The team put their hosts into bat who got off to a bright start despite the losses of Tim Bishop (34) and Paul Steer (9), as Dominic Chambers partnered six batsmen in reaching 53.

They reached 183-8 in 50 overs which was comfortably chased down by Lordswood with 11 overs to spare.

Kevin Jones went for two, but Lyndon Lockhart (47) and Matt Greenwood (50 not out) guided them to 184-3.

High Halstow's slim hopes of survival in Division Three were dented as Addington Village took a step closer to winning the title with a six-wicket win. HH chose to bat but the top order struggled to build, with Benjamin Bowles (26), and David Sibley (30), batting at five and six, hitting the most of their 166 all out score.

Addington reached 167 for four in 27 overs to win, with Michael Castle top scoring on 46, while Dave Coyle took 3-19 with the ball.

In Division Four Rainham had to settle for a losing draw against Minster in a match restricted to 32 overs a side after a delayed start.

Minster batted first and lost opener Neil Hosken for nought early on, but the middle order recovered with Virendra Vega hitting 44. Kevin Taylor was the pick of the Rainham bowlers taking 3-33.

Rainham got off to a solid start with James Austin (32), Stuart Chipperfield (30) and Phil Bellars (40) setting the tone, but the middle order couldn't capitalise on their start and they reached 173 for eight.

KENT CRICKET LEAGUES

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Hartley Country Club	17	11	1	4	2	234
Sevenoaks Vine	17	11	1	14	22	206
Blackheath	17	10	1	19	17	197
Lordswood	17	10	0	16	19	173
Bexley	17	9	2	24	17	170
Bromley	17	8	1	17	22	165
Beckenham	17	8	0	14	16	164
Bickley Park	17	9	0	14	22	154
Tunbridge Wells	17	7	0	16	19	143
Canterbury	17	7	1	18	29	133

DIVISION THREE

Addington Village	17	15	0	4	1	269
Catford Wanderers	17	12	0	1	8	257
Chestfield	17	9	0	8	10	210
Old Elthamians	17	8	1	12	18	208
Old Wilsonians	17	5	1	20	28	171
Holmesdale	17	6	1	13	20	163
Old Cofeians	17	3	1	13	31	134
Downham & Bellingham	17	2	1	17	23	122
Harvel	17	2	0	11	28	112
High Halstow	17	1	0	17	23	100

DIVISION FOUR

Cowdry	17	11	1	10	10	246
Nonington	17	9	2	16	13	217
Minster (Shephey)	17	7	1	13	24	199
Macnade	17	7	2	18	24	198
Sidcup	17	5	3	23	28	193
Rodmersham	17	6	0	11	24	167
Betteshanger CW	17	4	1	14	24	156
Bexleyheath	17	4	1	11	30	143
Rainham (Kent)	17	3	0	22	37	127
Gravesend RF	17	1	2	14	28	102

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